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OUR ANNIVERSARY.

Our fiscal year was changed in December so as to terminate with the close of the Calendar year instead of upon March 31st, as heretofore. Our ANNUAL MEETING is fixed for the evening of February 1st, at Association Hall, where we hope to render a good account of our progress, and to have our aims and principles presented to our members and the community by such able men as Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton, Rev. Dr. H. L. Wayland, (of Philadelphia.) and Hon. Chauncey M. Depew. Hon. Jas. Russell Lowell has also been invited to speak.

We beg our members and friends to accept this notice as an earnest invitation to the meeting, and hope that every member and contributor will feel interested to listen to these expert teachers of social and charitable reform, and will also help to make the meeting a success by inviting to it such of their friends as would be helped in their own benevolent work by co-operation with the Society. If each member will benefit some friend by bringing him, or her, to this meeting, and thereby get them to join the Society and work with and through it, we shall be twice as able as heretofore to help the struggling poor, to repress the vicious, to stop the waste and abuse of charity, to lighten public burdens, and diminish public perils in the opening year. Unless this work is well supported, the perils and burdens of poverty and pauperism will increase; for they can only be met and abated by such a concert of charitable effort and thought as this Society alone, at present, supplies the medium for.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received. . . 2,395	Number of Reports sent out . . . 590
New cases and removals. . . 1,785	Referred for Investigation. . . 552
Total Families registered. . . 71,332	Total No. of Reports on File 100,661

The District Committees Report

Cases considered. . . 1179	Procured relief for. . . 158
Directed to the proper Charity. . . 489	Aided by loans. . . 3
False addresses. . . 42	Secured work for. . . 149
Worthy continuous relief. . . 45	Made self-supporting. . . 61
" temporary. . . 137	Emigrated. . . 10
Needing work instead of relief. . . 361	Families broken up. . . 1
Unworthy of relief. . . 105	Frauds exposed or suppressed. . . 32
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c. . . 25	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c. . . 143
	Friendly Visitors on duty 148

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Ciardi,) has dealt with 107 cases:

CLASSIFIED AS:

16 Begging Letter-writers.  
24 Sidewalk beggars.  
37 House-to-house beggars.  
9 Tramps.  
21 not classified.

RESIDING:

33 in cheap lodging-houses.  
43 in their own homes.  
18 gave false addresses.  
5 non-resident.  
8 Station-house lodgers, &c.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

35 helpless through infirmity.\*  
64, or 60 per cent., able-bodied.  
9 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

21 needy and worthy.\*  
23 had ample means.  
29 shiftless and idle.  
42 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 16 warned, directed and counselled, and 34 were committed for 3 and 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

Contributions, December, 1885.

Abeel, John H. . . . .	\$10 00	Godwin, Mrs. Fanny Bryant	\$10 00
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Carnes, Miss Harriet. . . . .	10 00	Lord, D. D. . . . .	25 00
Cash (Dec. 18). . . . .	10 00	Low, Miss Julia A. . . . .	10 00
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### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

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Children's Lunches. N. Y. Laborers West Side Ben. Union  
Christ's Home for Fallen Women. N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.  
Day Star Universal Relief Fund. Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home,  
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's alias Home for Children or Aged  
Cleft Mission." Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High  
Bridge,) or any other institution  
Free Dispensary of N. Y. managed by Wm. H. Ramsar.  
Hibernian Union Club. Penal Reform, by Marvin H. Bovee.  
Hudson Benevolent Association. Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School  
Institute for Children, Sisters Children's Benefit Soc., A. B. Clark,  
Harget and Beatrice, North N. Y. Manager.  
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n. Reform Charity Union.  
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Mission of Reading, Pa. Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.  
Mrs. F. W. P. Packard, "Help for Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.  
Insane." N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.

or any other Relief enterprise not named in this Society's Directory of Charitable Societies.

We desire especially to warn our members against an adroit adventuress. English, about 33 years old, dark hair and eyes, tall and slight, of refined appearance and conversation, usually giving the Christian names of Jane, Mary, Maria or Ida, and the surnames of Pratt, Clarke or Tapson. She generally claims to be related to leading English clergymen, and deserted by a worthless husband, a physician of American birth, who resided in New Jersey and New York.

The pretended lamp-lighters and street-cleaners, against whom we have warned our members in past winters, are again at work, usually with written appeals. They are always out of work, with sickness or death in the family. Different names are used, and every address given, as far as reported to us, has been a false one.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised concerning:

Addicks, "Col." Thomas H.	Laasch, Lena
Angelo, Mary	Lewis, Mrs. Marion
Bachwitz or Bostworth, Louis	Lewis or Loomis, Madeline
Bishop, John N.	Long, Emma
Butler, Michael	Mahoney, Frances or Florence
Connelly, Catharine	Martell, Patrick and Catharine
Davy or Davies, Loretta (alias)	Mulgrew, James and Susan
Mary	Mulhearn, Mary A.
Dempsey, John	Murphy, (alias) Tracy, Margaret
Dicenta (alias) Degan, Mary	McAndrew, Mrs.
Donnell, Margaret	McCann, John
Doyle, (alias) Frank, Ellen	Naegle, Conrad and Louisa
Duffy, Patrick	Parrett or Purrington, Edward
Fryer, Chas.	Reed, Ann
Gardner, Aey and Susie	Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth
Gibbin, Mary	Smith, John and Sophia
Hart, (alias) Carmen	Sullivan, Mary
Higgins, Julia	Traylor, James and Kate
Howell, Jeannie	Vaughan, "Prof." or "Rev."
Hubbard, Mrs. (?) Lewis	George
Jameison, Dr. Jno.	Voight, George
Kirwin, Jacob	Welles, George and Sarah
Koerner, Henry and Louisa	Werner, Max

### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyman, Kate
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Britton, Mary	Meyers, Ann
Butel, A. H.	Nicholson, John
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Sheridan, Mattie
Harris, Ann	Smith, Mary Ida
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.	Solomon, Henry
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Kiely, Ann Lee	Williams, Mary Ann
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	Wilson, Jane

## THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

### THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of December this Committee has treated 73 cases, 30 being new; it has also directed 12 others. It has procured relief for 33, placed 4 in institutions, secured permanent work for 8, and occasional work for 6, and 11 have thus been made self-supporting.

We have on our employment list several women for washing, cleaning, &c., men for furnaces, a waiter, couples without children to take charge of tenements or flats or private house while the family is absent, all with references.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 582.—A refined, educated, but very destitute woman, had furnished apartments at \$5 per week. She said her husband lived in another State and gave her just enough money to pay her rent and the services of a little maid, which were needed, as the lady was under treatment in New York for aggravated cancer. Having great dread of a hospital we tried in vain to place her in one. When the case was brought to us the husband had withheld the weekly remittance for some time, and she was without the necessities of life except what was given her by a friend almost equally poor. Through fear of her husband and two grown children she was kept from having recourse to the law. The son held a responsible position in this city on a good salary. He was warned that if he did not provide for his mother legal steps must be taken and the matter be exposed. Realizing that the mother had found an influential friend in the Society the warning had the desired effect. The husband renewed his regular remittances and the son added his portion toward the mother's support, while she was obliged to remain under medical treatment. She died in a few weeks after great suffering. But for our determined attitude towards those who would have unnaturally and heartlessly left her to suffer alone, she was supplied with necessary funds and saved from dying a public pauper.

### THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BABHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 87 applications during December, of whom 11 were carefully directed to proper help, 3 gave false addresses, and 73 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 2, permanent work for 3, temporary work for 7, and 2 have thus been made self-supporting. 4 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Will our friends remember us when looking for men or women to do household work by the day. Many of our families could be entirely self-supporting this winter if they had regular work, no matter how menial.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. —Early last winter a man in delicate health, out of work at his trade, kept a small store, with a scanty stock, and was deeply in debt. His wife nearing confinement they asked a loan to replenish the store. We discouraged more debt, and urged them to strive to make the most of what they had. After the woman's recovery the man returned to his trade, leaving his wife in the store, and by strict economy they at last were able to increase and improve their stock; and during the holidays we aided them to buy at reduced prices. The enlarged profits were carefully laid by for the purchase of a pedlar's outfit in the Spring, which suits the man's health better; and they can sell in the store what they do not sell on the road. We have no pleasanter greeting than their "Don't forget us, our luck came with your first visit." This case proves how much can be done by a helping hand, "the alms of good advice," and kindly sympathy. Alas, the visitors are few and difficult to secure, but the need is great. Who will take one family to care for with us?

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, PAYSON MERRILL, *Treas.*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. Louise Wolcott, *Agent*.

87 cases were treated by this Committee during December, of which 29 were new, 25 others were directed; relief was procured for 12, permanent work secured for 7, temporary work for 17, 11 were rendered self-supporting, 10 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 5 frauds were exposed, 9 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 155 consultation cases were considered.

WORK WANTED for several men able only to do light work. Always women for washing, ironing and scrubbing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 650.—A widow with one child, ill with brain trouble. The doctor said the mother was overcome with watching night and day, and needed prompt attention herself. Our visit found the family without food or means to buy any. The woman was employed by a large corporation, under whose strict rules she must lose her place as she could not leave her child, but through our intercession her position was not only retained but a continuance of her salary was promised. The Church whose Sunday-school the child attended soon sent a nurse and proper food, but the child died within a week. The mother resumed her work and has saved enough to pay the funeral expenses. No alms were required, but by the friendly influence used the child was saved from a pauper's grave, and the mother enabled to still earn her living.

## THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during December 26 cases, and directed 26 others. Of the 26, 1 was found worthy of continu-ous relief, 6 of temporary relief, 14 needing work rather than relief, and 5 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 5 frauds were exposed. Relief was procured for 7, permanent work for 3, and temporary work for 1.

Work is wanted for 5 men, and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing or scrubbing.

A Scotchman came into the Office about six weeks since. He was suffering from asthma. Had been unable to obtain any work, and his wife and three children, one of whom was only two weeks old, were without fire and almost without food. As soon as their great need was discovered immediate temporary relief was secured and plans for permanent help entered upon. Every effort possible was put forth to obtain employment for the man. Just as we thought we had succeeded his trouble increased, so that it became necessary that he should be made comfortable until he was strong enough to work. In the meantime suitable rooms have been obtained, the family moved into them, and the rent paid for one month. Through the co-operation of another society a stove and some furniture have been obtained. Benevolent persons have become interested and have supplied them with fire and other necessities, and we hope soon to report that this happy change in the affairs of this family has helped to restore the health of the man so that he can support his household by regular work. A Friendly Visitor takes charge, seeing that relief is continued as long as the need of it exists, and helping the man and wife to exert themselves as soon as they are able to take up their own burden, and prevent them being pauperized by the assistance which they now certainly need.

## THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During December 40 cases have been treated, 20 being new, 7 others were directed, 3 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 29, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 7, and 1 was emigrated where could be self-supporting.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters or laborers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 513.—Early in April, '85, a family consisting of man, wife and 5 children between 12 years and 20 months, came under our notice. The man had consumption, the wife near confinement, one girl 4 years had spinal trouble, and 1 boy was deaf. They were in great distress, having pawned everything before letting their wants be known. Careful investigation verified their statement of better days. The question of breaking up the family was considered, but the mother felt that after her recovery she would be able to support them; and being a bright, capable woman, it was decided to give her a kindly hand during her emergency, to that end the co-operation of her church (Roman Catholic) and one society was secured. Through the efforts of the Visitor the sickly girl received free treatment and appliances from the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled and the father was placed in Bellevue Hospital while waiting a vacancy in the House of Rest, which soon occurred. After the birth of the child the mother's health was very poor, and the baby being delicate they were sent to Coney Island, and the boys placed in St. Stephen's Home. The baby died when 3 months old, and it was then felt that the family would soon be self-supporting, but the poor over-burdened mother survived her babe less than one week. The father came from the House of Rest to attend the funeral, and having over-taxed his strength lived but a few weeks. Distant relatives being communicated with, adopted the two girls of 2 and 4, and an excellent home was found for the oldest girl of 12 years. Thus ends one of our saddest cases, but the quiet gratitude of the father and the repeated "Oh, Mrs. —; what would my family have done but for you; I could ask nothing better for my children than you have done, and I can die content," has more than compensated our devoted Visitor for all her care.

## THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During December this Committee treated 36 cases, and directed 11 others to the proper source of help. Work was procured for 2, relief was procured for 1, 2 were placed in institutions and 4 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 160.—A respectable-looking old man had been appealing for help to several people. It was ascertained he had steady work from one family, but the pay was not sufficient to support him without relief. The attention of the family employing him was called to the fact, and they at once agreed to sufficiently remunerate him so as to remove the need of begging, and the man was warned if he was found begging again he would be arrested. We have never heard of his doing so since. Thus, friendly intercession has called the attention of the employers to the unintentional injustice they were committing, and raised the old man from the pauper ranks to a self-supporting condition.

## THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of December 48 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 22 were new, and 12 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 12, work secured for 11, 7 were rendered self-supporting, and 11 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 4 families and 7 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 1 baker, 1 cook, 2 watchmen, 2 porters and 3 laborers, &c.; also for 3 women to do washing and ironing, and 4 to do plain sewing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 536.—A family was referred to the care of the Committee by a co-operating relief society, which for some time had been giving aid, but was unable to render the permanent and substantial assistance required. The case, which consisted of father, mother and three young children, was found on examination to be a deserving one. The cause of the destitution was the man's inability for a long time to find employment, owing to a depression in his line of business. He was well recommended and was evidently anxious to support his family. The Committee sought earnestly to find work for him, but for some time without success. The relief society meanwhile continued its aid. Finally, a permanent position was found for him at \$15 per week, which he continues to hold, to the satisfaction of his employers and supporting his family without outside aid. In order to obtain the place it was necessary to deposit \$35 as security, which sum was loaned to him on security by a friend of the Society, and which is being repaid in small weekly installments. Thus, friendly persistence accomplished permanent benefit, and this family is removed from the roll of the relief society.

## THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROBT W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

76 cases have been cared for during December, 40 of which were new, and 74 others have been directed. 13 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 24, permanent work was secured for 20, occasional work for 15, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 4 frauds were exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

## THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 55 cases taken up during December, 47 being new, also 20 families, and 17 homeless persons directed, 1 was placed in a hospital, relief was procured for 4, permanent work was secured for 6, temporary work for 5, 5 were made self-supporting, and 3 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); 10 good women for day work, laundresses, 3 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse; 1 excellent German girl to take charge of young children, can teach music; 2 copyists.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—A family of 8 Bohemians, father, mother, 3 boys of 17, 16 and 3, and 3 girls of 13, 12 and 7, found their means of living cut off through the law prohibiting cigar-making in tenement houses, and, although very industrious people, could not seem to "fit in" any place. The mother had herself been earning from \$10 to \$12 per week, but of course could find no other such lucrative employment. The only thing left for her at home was washing, and, not being able to do fine work, earned very little. The work being too heavy for her strength, was fast breaking her down, and their savings dwindled rapidly. Just at this time word came from the man's brother in Kansas that there was a chance for them all out there, but there was no money to pay for the transportation of so many. Finally it was settled that the father should take all available funds and start on ahead. After a few weeks he was convinced that the family could support themselves out there, and wrote begging them to dispose of every thing and follow him. The family sought the assistance of the minister of the mission they attended, but the church was poor, and no help could be had from that source. Then the aid of this Committee was sought, but the Committee being only willing to help those who would help themselves, said that the father must be communicated with, and must assist. If he could not raise a little money to help them out, it was a just inference that he could not support them when there, and they had better then remain where they were. The family was notified of this decision of the Committee, and, bending all their energies to the matter, the father raised \$25 and the family \$25 more, toward the needed \$83, for which sum the Committee bargained with the Children's Aid Society to take them all to the desired place. Friends of the Committee generously gave the balance required, and the family was safely started, and it is believed, will be a desirable accession to the population of Kansas.

## THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During December 486 cases were dealt with, 238 of which were new. Relief was procured for 28, permanent work was secured for 5, temporary work for 20, 1 was emigrated where relatives could care for him, and 5 were made self-supporting by the above means. 64 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge.

Some time ago the Society was requested by a lady to investigate the case of a young carpet weaver, whom she had met at a hospital where his brother had died. Visits and enquiries elicited that he had just come into possession of two looms through the kindness of relatives of his former employer who had died suddenly, that he was of irreproachable character but entirely without means; that he had no business connection, and the looms were really white elephants on his hands. It seemed best to find means to enable him to open a basement shop in a suitable locality. This report was sent to the lady interested, who promptly loaned the money needed, the young man giving his note therefor, payable in small weekly installments. At the same time the Society inserted a notice of the case in the Bulletin which brought in orders for weaving. These enabled him to meet every payment promptly, and now the young man reports that he has all the work he can attend to. Thus a struggling young man has been helped to independence, and kept from swelling the overburdened lists of the relief agencies of the city.

## PROTECTING THE PUBLIC.

An important feature of our work, for which we rarely get credit, is in preventing, through the Charity Organization Societies of other cities, destitute persons being sent to New York, who would become public burdens here upon arrival. It is well illustrated in a recent case. Late on a Saturday afternoon in the present year, a telegram from the Buffalo Society reported that a woman had applied to it for transportation to New York, on the ground that her only child was dying at the Half Orphan Asylum, and her family here would provide passage money if they could be found, which would not be possible before too late to reach her dying child. Enquiry at once made proved that no such child was at the asylum, and within a few minutes answer was returned to Buffalo, by which the woman was detained until further investigation on the following Monday, when it was learned that although she had given the names of her relatives correctly, she had so far forfeited their respect by dissipation that they would not contribute to or consent to her coming, nor receive her should she come. But for the methods adopted by the several Charity Organization Societies throughout the country, the woman would doubtless have been sent on to subsist upon the charity of New York.

## BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Letters substantially like the following are written by the same person signed with different names, giving various names of prominent deceased persons as his father:

"New York, Nov. 12, '85. Mrs. —: I trust you will pardon my taking this liberty. Some time ago I came in from the South where I have been on an orange plantation, on account of ill health was obliged to leave. I had been here but a few days when I was taken *very ill*, and for the past nine weeks have been in the hospital. I now find myself without employment, still far from well, and in a most destitute condition, so destitute, that I have been all day without food. I cannot find any of my father's friends, though I am sure he had many. Mr. — is not in town and I do not know what to do. I thought possible you might remember my father. Would you, Mrs. —, please help me a little. Oh believe me, I would not ask this were I not *suffering bitterly*. Trusting you will excuse me if I trouble you, and also for making this strange request. Believe me, yours most respectfully, H— —, son of the late — —."

"New York, Dec. 18, '85. Mrs. —: I fear you will think it strange my coming to you, but I trust you will pardon my taking the liberty. For the past nine weeks I have been very ill in the hospital, and am at present in a most destitute condition; so destitute I have been all day without food and am suffering most *bitterly*. I cannot find any of my father's old friends, though I am sure he had many in the city. I was but a child when he died, and passed most of my life at the old place W—, Saratoga Springs. Would you please, Mrs. —, help me a *little*. Believe me I would not ask this were I not *suffering*. I thought it possible you would remember my mother. Trusting you will pardon me if I trouble you. Yours respectfully, W— —, son of the late — —."

## THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION WOOD YARD.

The Yard is now open at S. W. corner Avenue B and 19th St., and is daily giving a Labor Test to applicants for aid and employment. It has now a **LARGE STOCK OF KINDLING WOOD** on hand for immediate delivery. The wood is first quality Virginia Pine, seasoned at least two years. Our members can greatly aid the Wood Yard Committee by ordering their kindling of the Superintendent Wm. YARDELY, at the Wood Yard, and by naming the enterprise to their friends. Those who buy this wood enable the Society to prove the industry of applicants for relief because they are out of work. The rate (\$4.00 for a load of a quarter cord, including putting in,) is as low as that charged for the same quantity and quality by the most re-

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CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, February 15th. 1886.

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## SUCCESSION TO MEMBERS.

There is in vogue in Berlin and other Continental cities, a plan of having small plates, similar to street-number plates, affixed to the front doors of members of the local Society akin to our own, with the name, and sometimes only the initials, of the Society thereon. These plates serve as a notice to all professional applicants for relief, that the inmates of that house refer to the Society, for investigation, every appeal from strangers. The unworthy beggars understand the sign quite as well as they do their own private marks which they inscribe on other houses, and as a prominent gentleman who has resided some time in Berlin writes us, "beggars never ring the bell where they see these plates;" and the protection to the residents from annoyance, loss of time and trouble, and the waste of charitable funds has proved to be very great. These plates are on the front doors of the most aristocratic residences, and few would willingly dispense with them. Citizens, who have experienced its good effects abroad, have suggested the plan to the Central Council of this Society, which is ready to carry it out provided its members desire it. Two styles of plates have been prepared; one 2x2½ and the other 1½x3½ inches which may be seen at the Central Office. They will be of heavy silver plate, equal in quality to the best name plates, and will be put on for not exceeding fifty cents each, as soon as a sufficient number of members indicate their desire for them. They can be affixed or removed without injury to the door, or can be put upon the area-door or any other part of the building. Members willing to use them are desired to send immediate notice to the Central Office.

If our members would adopt this simple device, others would soon use it in self-defense; and should the custom become general, a great obstacle would be opposed to professional mendicancy. As this Society offers to investigate every such applicant, and already has thousands of them registered, it feels that it has a right to ask such co-operation in suppressing fraud that needed relief may be reserved for the worthy and suffering poor.

## CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

Number of Reports received.....4,278	Number of Reports sent out.....875
New cases and removals.....2,639	Referred for Investigation.....925
Total Families registered.....72,633	Total No. of Reports on File 104,939

## The District Committees Report

Cases considered.....1,284	Procured relief for.....193
Directed to the proper Charity.....629	Aided by loans.....7
False addresses.....41	Secured work for.....188
Worthy continuous relief.....38	Made self-supporting.....61
" temporary.....138	Emigrated.....14
Needing work instead of relief.....313	Families broken up.....3
Unworthy of relief.....125	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....36
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....22	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c.....161
	Friendly Visitors on duty.....158

## STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Ciardi,) has dealt with 134 cases:

## CLASSIFIED AS:

36 Begging Letter-writers.  
23 Sidewalk beggars.  
29 House-to-house beggars.  
6 Tramps.  
40 miscellaneous.

## RESIDING:

22 in cheap lodging-houses.  
71 in their own homes.  
24 gave false addresses.  
4 non-resident.  
13 Station-house lodgers, &c.

## THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

48 helpless through infirmity.\*  
81, or 60 per cent., able-bodied.  
7 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

## HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

28 needy and worthy.\*  
35 had ample means.  
41 shiftless and idle.  
33 dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS: 11 warned, directed and counseled, and 30 were committed for 1 and 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

## Contributions, January, 1886.

Adams, Mrs. T. M.....\$10 00	Jaffray, Robert.....\$10 00
Allen, Henry Wilder.....10 00	Jencks, Francis M.....50 00
Andrews, Mrs. Isabella.....20 00	Jerome, Eugene M.....10 00
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Baker, George F.....50 00	Kent, William.....10 00
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### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval.  
Children's Lunches.  
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.  
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."  
Free Dispensary of N. Y.  
Hibernian Union Club.  
Hudson Benevolent Association.  
Institute for Children, Sisters  
Harget and Beatrice, North N. Y.  
Institute, indefinite character, pretended Sisters, 9 Livingston Pl.  
Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n.  
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres.  
Manhattan Benevolent Association.  
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.  
Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission of Reading, Pa.  
Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insaue."

or any other Relief enterprise not managed or endorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

Episcopal clergy are cautioned against two English laids asking relief for day or two, while waiting for promised work. Often claim to be of Rev. Knox Little's Church, Manchester, Eng.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workmen, especially freight handlers. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to *any* begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Brennan, John and Margaret  
Butler, Michael and Mary  
Cornell, John J. and Margaret  
Dav, Davies or Davidson, Mrs. Loretto  
Dicienta, alias Degani, Mary  
Hanaly, Wm. and Sarah  
Hogan, Mary Ann  
Howell, Jennie  
Hughes, Mary Jane  
Koerner, Henry and Louisa  
Krulish, Anton  
Lepper, Geo. and Cath.  
Lucas, Maria

Manning, John and Sarah  
Martens, Annie  
Murphy, Joseph  
Nicholson, Barbara  
Nicholson, Pat'k and Cath.  
O'Brien, Bridget  
Quarterman, Mrs. Rosa  
Rooney, Geo. and Johanna  
Schiller, Louis  
Shanahan, Thos. and Ellen  
Sleigh, Launcelot  
Taylor, Thomas  
Whelpdole, Wm. and Mary

### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.  
Bier, Mrs. Mary  
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida  
Britton, Mary  
Butel, A. F. H.  
Hamilton, Johnston  
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.  
Harris, Ann  
Howard, George  
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.  
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.  
Kiely, Ann Lee  
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite  
Lyman, Kate

Lyon, Cornelia A.  
Meyers, Ann  
Morton, W. M.  
Nicholson, John  
Sheridan, Mattie  
Smith, Mary Ida  
Solomon, Henry  
Stewart, George  
Taylor, alias Wilson, I  
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Williams, Mary Ann  
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# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of January this Committee has treated 69 cases, 36 being new; it has also directed 5 others. It has procured relief for 33, secured permanent work for 9, and occasional work for 10, and 12 have thus been made self-supporting.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help, (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, house-cleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 569.—A lady referred to the Society the case of a young man about 22, who applied for a loan, saying he could get work if he had clothes and tools; being a plumber, just through his apprenticeship, the lady was disposed to make the loan if the young man was worthy, as his mother had been her faithful servant some years before, and since then had worked hard to support her family. He said his mother died a year before, and he was homeless, and did not know what to do. He told the District Agent that he stopped with "a friend who occasionally gave him shelter." This "friend" proved to be his mother, who was still alive, and working at day's work to keep the home together. He proved to be a lazy, shiftless fellow, who would occasionally go to work, but at the end of the week would make some excuse for not bringing home his pay—"the boss was short of money," or "he would pay at the end of the job,"—and for the next two or three weeks he would be in a state of intoxication, sleeping wherever he could get the chance, until his clothing became in such a dilapidated condition, that for the respectability of the family the mother would buy him a suit of clothes with her hard-earned savings. So it had been for two or three years, until the mother threatened to send him to a correctional institution. It was found that he had applied to several of his mother's former employers, all known to each other, telling the same story of want and destitution, until he was brought to a standstill by this investigation, but for which he would have continued his life of deception much longer.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 86 applications during January, of whom 10 were carefully directed to proper help, 1 gave a false address, and 73 were taken in charge. Of these latter, permanent work was procured for 3, temporary work for 7, and 3 have thus been made self-supporting. 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Will our friends remember us when looking for men or women to do household work by the day. Many of our families could be entirely self-supporting this winter if they had regular work, no matter how menial.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—An interesting case under the care of our Committee was that of a German, who had served in the rebellion, and suffered from a wound which compelled the amputation of some fingers. This man's peculiar characteristics impressed the Committee with confidence. Our attempt to procure for him a pension was unsuccessful; at his request arrangements were made to send him West, where he hoped to find work and establish a home. Before these could be completed, it became necessary to provide for his small children and the wife, who was about to be confined. With much effort promise of early admission was secured for the little ones to a Children's Home, and for the mother to a Lying-in Hospital. But before the plans could be carried out, the family were turned out of their home by the landlord, who would wait no longer for his rent. The Committee found provision for the emergency, securing all the temporary necessities, and also a pass over the Erie Rail Road for the husband, who with manly resolution entrusted his wife and children to the Committee while he sought work and a home in the Far West. These poor people thus separated while in so helpless a condition awakened deep sympathy, but early letters from this man gave encouraging accounts of success in finding work, of his promotion to higher wages and greater responsibility, and at last his having obtained a home in which to receive his dear ones, and to begin life anew. This well illustrates the aims of our Society. Can any one fail to see that this kind of work is the very best kind of charity; befriending those worthy ones who by no fault of their own have fallen into distress, and enabling them to become self-supporting and independent.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, PAYSON MERRILL, *Treas.*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

77 cases were treated by this Committee during January, of which 32 were new, 20 others were directed; relief was procured for 20, permanent work secured for 3, temporary work for 15, 9 were rendered self-supporting, 8 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 2 frauds were exposed, 14 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 134 consultation cases were considered.

Men for laboring work or other unskilled labor. Always women for day's work, etc. Two nurses and two seamstresses.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 632.—A man, leaving his wife and 5 children in England, came here, and soon found work at his trade as a mason. He sent for his family, who found a comfortable home awaiting them, and good prospects ahead. To his great dismay, he was discharged within a week after their arrival, and, after trying in vain to obtain work in the city, resolved to go to Minneapolis, learning that it was a thriving city. He left his family here, fairly provided for, for a few weeks. Upon reaching that city he found plenty of work ahead, but the severe winter delayed it. His family meanwhile became reduced to the greatest extremity. A dispossession warrant was served upon them, they had neither food nor fuel, and the mother was within a month of confinement. A lady became interested in the case just then, and furnished food; the landlord was seen and allowed one week more to the family. Meanwhile the husband wrote that he had begun work but would be paid only at the end of a fortnight, and he already was much in debt for board, but would send all he could to his wife. It was thought best to send his family on to him at once, as the prospects were not bright for them here, and to this end the co-operation of 4 Relief Societies was secured. The family was soon re-united, and are now in most comfortable circumstances, and unless fresh disaster occurs, will soon be able to repay the money expended for their benefit.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 166.—An old woman who begs from morning to night, tells a pitiful story of 5 motherless grandchildren dependent upon her. As she has her regular routes, and is given permission to call for broken food at many houses, it has heretofore been impracticable to interfere. Lately, however, being found begging on the street, her case was examined. We find that she has no grandchildren or relatives whatever, but lodges with a widow who receives the proceeds of her day's begging in payment of her board and lodging, spending the money given for drink. This same widow is entirely self-supporting, having two grown sons, and also working herself. She claims "it is not her business what her *boarders* do." This is one of many similar cases, where the public alone can help us by ceasing to give food at the door to support such "boarding houses," or alms upon the street to strangers, to be used for drink.

## THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during January, 33 cases, and directed 18 others. Of the 33, 4 were found worthy of continuous relief, 8 of temporary relief, 13 needing work rather than relief, and 8 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 4 frauds were exposed. Relief was procured for 17, permanent work for 4, and temporary work for 2.

Work is wanted for 5 men, and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing or scrubbing.

## THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During January, 71 cases have been treated, 34 being new, 20 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 30, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 7, and 1 fraud was suppressed.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters or laborers.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 676.—A month since a clergyman in the District asked our assistance for a blind woman, whom he had been relieving. She needed hospital treatment, and also help to care for her effects. We found she had a house full of furniture, worth about \$1,000, including a piano, but no food or fire. Her immediate needs were supplied and efforts made to straighten out her affairs. As a payment was still due on the piano, we negotiated a generous offer from the seller of the instrument, which would have quite relieved the woman from embarrassment. Upon stating the offer, she declined to part with any of her goods, and informed us she could care for herself. The mistake was in not allowing her to do so from the beginning, and shows the need of careful examination before relieving.

## THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During January this Committee treated 41 cases, and directed 18 others to the proper source of help. Work was procured for 7, relief was procured for 4, 1 was placed in an institution and 2 frauds were suppressed.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

**CAUTION.**—We feel it our duty once more to caution members against newspaper appeals. A family living in this District, for two years have lived almost entirely upon societies and individuals, and newspaper appeals. The man is in poor health and should go to a hospital, into which we can readily secure his admission, but of course refuses to leave home as he collects large sums by his appeals in the papers. A visit revealed an outer room, prepared to represent the most piteous poverty, but a further examination led into well-stocked and furnished apartments in the rear. The most distressing part of all this deception is that two little girls, aged 8 and 3, sit in the room listening to the miserable falsehoods which the parents tell to each tender-hearted caller, and by their quiet manners help to make the story more pathetic, and are thus being rapidly and surely demoralized and unfitted for useful lives, as they see for themselves how easily duped benevolent people are, and how much better it pays to beg than to work. This family lived formerly in Leroy Street, then moved to Spring Street, where an appeal to the public brought them bountiful supplies, but now have moved into this District. A leading paper has just turned over to them nearly \$300, as the result of a recent appeal, but a visitor calling to-day would hear the same harrowing account of their destitution and sufferings.

## THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEO. ALEX. BROWN, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, Rob't W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of January, 50 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 27 were new, and 23 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 19, work secured for 9, 4 were rendered self-supporting, and 18 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 14 families and 9 homeless persons, directed to the proper charity or District Committee.

Work is wanted for 1 baker, 1 cook, 2 watchmen, 2 porters and 4 laborers, &c.; also for 3 women to do washing and ironing, and 6 to do plain sewing.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 655.—Was referred to the Committee from the Central Office for investigation, aid if worthy, and report to one of the daily papers, to which an appeal had been made by an anonymous correspondent. Our Agent found a very deserving couple, whose little girl, their only child, was with relatives in England, as this climate did not agree with her. The husband had been out of work through illness for some time, and was being treated at the University Clinics, and was improving. The wife was feeble and could earn nothing, being only able to attend to her husband and the household duties. Their savings were all expended, a month's rent was overdue, and food and fuel were needed. One-half ton of coal and food for a week was secured at once from a co-operating society, which continued to furnish aid until the man's recovery, and the amount of their rent was procured from another society. Organized and co-operative charity rendered unnecessary a public appeal and exposure in the newspaper, with the attendant demoralization. A Friendly Visitor is in charge of the case, who, with the Committee, will see that proper aid and supervision is given until the man is thoroughly on his feet again.

## THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROBT W. DEFORD, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

107 cases have been cared for during January, 73 of which were new, and 140 others have been directed. 8 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 32, permanent work was secured for 29, occasional work for 40, 25 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 1 fraud was exposed. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cooks, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 673.—Over a year ago a poorly-clad, delicate woman, 19 years old, asked at the District Office for aid. She said her husband, who was a baker, could not work at his own business, by reason of ill-health, but was peddling various articles, by which he made from 30 cents to 50 cents per day. A visit to the home revealed the most extreme poverty. The Committee endeavored for some time to improve their condition, but finally decided to send the woman and child to an institution for the Winter, and let the man take care of himself. The next Summer house-keeping was tried again, but with no better success, and as the woman was again approaching maternity, her condition was pitiable. The Committee became satisfied that the man was not exerting himself sufficiently, and the woman was consulted about having him arrested for her non-support. She then admitted that they were not married, and said she was disgusted with her life, and never wished to see the man again. For this reason admittance was secured for her to one of the Island institutions, under the care of the Commissioners of Charities. The man now began a search for the woman and child, and applied to the Society to help him. An interview was brought about between the man and the woman. The moral side of the question was enforced by the Committee; a marriage was arranged and the ceremony performed in the District Office. The groom absorbed the advice given, and acceded to the terms demanded, which were that he should at once provide and furnish rooms for house-keeping, making weekly deposit therefor. Until this provision should be completed the woman was sent back to the Island. In a week, the man, with a satisfied air, brought \$3 for his first deposit; and in five weeks had saved \$27; when he pleaded to begin the new life. Satisfied of his earnestness, necessary articles were secured for them, and the wife returned to him feeling that she had a husband fully awakened to a realization that it was a privilege to provide for his wife and family. We have every reason to believe that permanent good has been effected, that this family has been *adequately* helped, and a career of immorality has been checked.

## THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 59 cases taken up during January, 48 being new, also 22 families, and 30 homeless persons directed, 2 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 14, permanent work was secured for 4 temporary work for 6, 3 were made self-supporting, and 4 frauds were suppressed.

Work is wanted for 5 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); 10 good women for day work, laundresses, 3 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse; 2 male nurses (have best of references).

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE,** No. 882, illustrates the unreliability of newspaper appeals. Some time ago there appeared in several of our daily papers a sensational account of the rescue of two women from a burning house by a brave young truckman. At the same time the attention of the public was called to the suffering and distress which the young wife and child of this hero were enduring while the latter was recovering from his injuries in a hospital. The result was, that money for their relief came pouring in from all directions—some of it sent to the papers, but most of it directly to the wife. Subsequently, we learn, for a long time after the fire, each day's mail would bring a bundle of letters for the wife, each containing more or less money. There was no child, as the papers had stated. When, after a short time, the husband returned to his home, instead of resuming his work (which was waiting for him), he at once set about to devise some means of spending the money which had been thus lavished upon them. To people of their tastes and habits there was but one way of enjoying their wealth, and thus there followed a series of debaucheries, during one of which this young hero (?) stabbed his wife. The matter was kept from the police, but the landlord had them ejected from the premises. Since then they have lived apart, the wife with a male friend (?), and the husband wherever he can find shelter. Investigation has shown that the young man, who previously was somewhat lazy and shiftless, is now thoroughly demoralized. After the money was all spent he began to write begging-letters. Thus the money, which was meant to be a blessing and a help, has proved a curse. Their home has been broken up, and both have entered upon lives of vice and seem rapidly going to complete destruction. It is another illustration of the great harm done by "giving to" instead of "considering" the poor.

## THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During January 414 cases were dealt with, 315 of which were new, and 321 others were directed to the proper help. Relief was procured for 24, permanent and temporary work was secured for 27, and 59 cases were investigated by request but not taken in charge.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.** No. 534. A young Irishman and his wife came to this country six years ago. The man had a trade but could not utilize it, but he was active and could turn his hand to anything. He obtained laborer's work, and for four years earned a good living and saved a little; until a strike, over which he had no control, took away his employment and he never recovered it. Their small savings soon melted away, and for two years, for lack of sufficient work, the family were compelled to lean upon Relief Societies and private charity. At this time they had two young children, the woman was delicate and ill-fed, and the case seemed desperate. It was brought to the notice of the Society, when prompt enquiry established as a fact the worth and misfortune of the family. Adequate relief was procured through a friend of the Society for a time, and by persistent effort of the Friendly Visitor steady employment was had for the man at fair wages, and the family again rendered self-supporting. From present appearances further alms need never be asked. This is one of many cases where the services of a Friendly Visitor are invaluable to effect a cure, where enquiry, advice and direction, and the earnest efforts of an interested and reliable friend can open a channel of employment and bring about a better remedy than is entailed in the seeking of alms or the gift of doles.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

### THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION WOOD YARD.

The Yard is now open at S. W. corner Avenue B and 19th St., and is daily giving a Labor Test to applicants for aid and employment. It has now a **LARGE STOCK OF KINDLING WOOD** on hand for immediate delivery. The wood is first quality Virginia Pine, seasoned at least two years. Our members can greatly aid the Wood Yard Committee by ordering their kindling of the Superintendent WM. YARDLEY, at the Wood Yard, and by naming the enterprise to their friends. Those who buy this wood enable the Society to prove the industry of applicants for relief because they are out of work. The rate (\$4.00 for a load of a quarter cord, including putting in,) is as low as that charged for the same quantity and quality by the most reliable firms.

**SAFE WANTED.**—The Society needs a medium sized safe for the safe keeping of its more valuable records and papers. If any member has one to dispose of at a bargain, or to loan to the Society, the Secretary will be glad to be so informed.

**ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.**—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society, are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

**SPECIAL EMERGENCIES** often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this City, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

**WORK.**—The Society strives to make *employment the basis of relief in every case* where applicants can work. Members will, therefore, greatly aid the Society by sending to the nearest District Office whenever *any kind of service* is needed, by the hour, day, week or longer. The hour, or half-day's work, especially if statedly given, will often promote a *career* from the ranks of dependence into those of independence and self-support.



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Cable Address, "Charity, New York."**A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.****CENTRAL OFFICE. 21 University Place. March 15th. 1886.****N. B.—This Bulletin is issued Monthly, from October to June, inclusive.****DR. S. O. VANDERPOEL.**

The Central Council held a special meeting this morning to take suitable action concerning the death of Dr VANDERPOEL. The following minute was unanimously adopted.

In common with the community this Society has sustained a severe loss in the sudden death of its first president, Dr. S. O. VANDERPOEL, which took place in Washington on the 12th inst. He was one of the citizens selected by the State Board of Charities to assist in organizing this Society, in formulating its constitution and laws, and in initiating its work.

His interest in the principles of the Society was deep and intelligent, and he has been ever ready to promote its success and extension, as far as his means and time and strength would permit. He was its active president for the first three years of the Society's history, and until with failing health he found it necessary to relinquish the responsibilities of the office, remaining however upon its Central Council, and acting as its Vice-President during the present year up to the time of his death. His mature judgment, his varied experience, his conscientious performance of duty and his unvarying courtesy rendered him a valuable counsellor to this body, the members of which will long and deeply feel his loss.

In view of this sad occurrence be it

*Resolved*, That the above minute be entered upon the records of the Society; that a copy of it, with the earnest sympathy of the members of the Central Council, be communicated to the family of Dr. VANDERPOEL; and that as a farther mark of respect, a Committee be appointed by the President to attend his funeral.

**CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.**

Number of Reports received.....2,875	Number of Reports sent out.....885
New cases and removals.....1,937	Referred for Investigation.....346
Total Families registered.....74,000	Total No. of Reports on File 107,814

**The District Committees Report**

Cases considered.....917	Procured relief for.....166
Directed to the proper Charity.....472	Aided by loans.....3
False addresses.....40	Secured work for.....171
Worthy continuous relief.....38	Made self-supporting.....56
"temporary".....86	Emigrated.....12
Needing work instead of relief.....212	Families broken up.....1
Unworthy of relief.....69	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....27
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, &c.....35	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, &c.....179
	Friendly Visitors on duty 158

**STREET BEGGARS.**

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars, (Edward Ciardi,) has dealt with 85 cases:

**CLASSIFIED AS:**

25 Dispensary Cases.  
9 Begging Letter-writers.  
11 Sidewalk beggars.  
26 House-to-house beggars.  
7 Tramps.  
7 miscellaneous.

**THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

32 helpless through infirmity.\*  
48, or 56½ per cent., able-bodied.  
8 blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

**RESULTS:** 14 warned, directed and counselled, 3 arrested and discharged with a reprimand, and 17 were committed for 1 and 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance on the street simply interfered with a more complete and efficient relief.

**RESIDING:**

26 in cheap lodging-houses.  
39 in their own homes.  
13 gave false addresses.  
Station-house lodgers, &c.  
2 refused address.

**HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:**

15 needy and worthy.\*  
15 had ample means.  
24 shiftless and idle.  
24 dissolute and vicious.

**Contributions, February, 1886.**

Adams, A. W.....\$5 00	Hoyt, James Otis.....\$10 00
Agate, F. K.....25 00	Hutton, Prof. Fred'k R.....10 00
Andrews, Constant A.....100 00	Huyler, Jacob.....5 00
Anonymous thro' 11th Dist. 25 00	Irvine, Richard, Jr.....10 00
Appleton, Mrs. D. F.....10 00	J—, G. F.....2 00
Armstrong, Mrs. H.....5 00	Jaffray, Robert.....25 00
Ashwell, Wm. C.....10 00	Jay, Mrs. J. C.....10 00
Aston, Mrs. Wm. K.....5 00	Jesup, Morris K.....25 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. John W. 10 00	Jones, O. L.....100 00
Avery, Samuel P.....10 00	Kemp, George.....50 00
Avery, Mrs. Samuel P.....10 00	Kendall, Mrs. E. H.....5 00
Ayer, Frederick F.....25 00	Kendall, Miss S. R.....5 00
Baldwin, Simeon.....10 00	Kennedy, J. S.....50 00
Banks, Mrs. James L.....5 00	Kernochan, J. Frederic.....10 00
Barhydt, P. H.....10 00	Kernochan, Mary S.....10 00
Bates, Miss Ada H.....10 00	Keyes, Dr. E. L.....10 00
Battell, Robbins.....5 00	Kingsford, John P.....10 00
Beach, Miss Helen.....10 00	Kissam, Greenville A.....5 00
Benjamin, Mrs. Samuel N. 10 00	Kitching, John D.....10 00
Bigelow, Poultney.....10 00	Knowlton, D. Henry.....10 00
Bingham, George F.....5 00	Krotel, Rev. G. Frederic.....10 00
Blagden, George.....10 00	Lagowitz, Jacob.....5 00
Blagden, Mrs. George.....10 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.....20 00
Bliss, George.....25 00	Lansing, Mrs. A. B.....5 00
Boskowitz, Mrs. Ignatz.....5 00	Lauterbach, Mrs. Edward.....10 00
Bowdoin, George S.....10 00	Lavanburg, Mrs. L.....5 00
Boyd, John Scott.....25 00	Lawrence, Cyrus J.....10 00
Brainerd, Cephas.....10 00	Leaming, Dr. J. R.....10 00
Brand, James.....10 00	Lee, Miss Aline.....20 00
Brouwer, Theophilus A.....10 00	Lee, Wm. H. L.....10 00
Brown, Edward M.....10 00	Leach, David C.....25 00
Browning, John Hull.....100 00	Legg, Mrs. George.....10 00
Brühl, Moses.....10 00	Levy, Mrs. L.....10 00
Buckingham & Paulson.....10 00	Lockman, John T.....10 00
Cammann, Mrs. Dr.....10 00	Loeb & Co. Herman.....5 00
Campbell, Miss M. L.....5 00	Lord, Franklin B.....10 00
Cash, T. F. J.....5 00	Lord & Taylor.....25 00
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Cassilly, Charles P.....10 00	Macy, Wm. H.....25 00
Chamberlain, J. C.....10 00	Maitland, Thomas.....50 00
Chandler, Mrs. N.....10 00	Marie, Peter.....10 00
Cheney, George L.....10 00	Markoe, Dr. Thomas M.....10 00
Chickering, Mrs. Chas. F.....5 00	Marquand, Mrs. Henry G.....20 00
Choate, Joseph H.....25 00	Martin, John S.....10 00
Chubb, Thomas C.....10 00	Miller, Philip S.....10 00
Claflin & Co., H. B.....100 00	Milnor, Mrs. Chas. E.....5 00
Clark, Miss Emily V.....10 00	Minton, Miss S. E.....5 00
Clarke, B. G.....50 00	Moir, William.....5 00
Colyer, Rev. Robt. D.D.....10 00	Morewood, Miss.....5 00
Cohn & Co., Leopold.....10 00	Morton, Levi P.....10 00
Conkling, Rev. N. W., D.D. 10 00	McGee, James.....10 00
Curtis, Wm. E.....10 00	McMullen, Thomas.....10 00
Curtiss, Mrs. Frank.....5 00	Naylor & Co.....10 00
Da Costa, Charles M.....10 00	Newman, A. G.....5 00
Day, H. M.....10 00	Nicoll, Miss Helen.....50 00
De Forest, Miss J. B.....4 00	Nicoll, Dr. Henry D.....10 00
Depeu, Mrs. Chauncey M.....10 00	Northcote, H. O.....10 00
De Witt, George G., Jr.....10 00	Noyes, Dr. Henry D.....10 00
Dodge, Rev. D. Stuart, D.D. 25 00	Olesheimer, Mrs. Henry.....10 00
Dodge, George E.....10 00	O'Shaughnessy, James F.....10 00
Dolphin, Mfg. Co.....5 00	Payson, Mrs. Francis.....10 00
Dominek, W. Gayer.....10 00	Perkins & Welsh.....10 00
Dresbach, Charles.....10 00	Peters, Samuel T.....10 00
Drisler, Herman.....10 00	Planten, John R.....25 00
Dwight, Mrs. Timothy.....20 00	Plummer & Co., John F.....10 00
Edgar, Mrs. J. A.....5 00	Polk, Dr. Wm. M.....10 00
Einstein, Edwin.....5 00	Post, Mrs. George B.....5 00
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Fisher, Mrs. S. S.....10 00	Prime, Rev. Wendell.....10 00
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Ford, James B.....20 00	Raymond, Chas. H.....10 00
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Frank, Alfred.....10 00	Remsen, William.....5 00
Geisenheimer, Otto.....10 00	Rice, Mrs. J. Smith.....10 00
German Hosp. and Disp.....125 00	Richardson, S. M.....5 00
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Gotthold, Fred.....10 00	Ripley, Mrs. J. Dwight.....5 00
Granger John T.....10 00	Russell, Henry E.....10 00
Griswold, Mrs. Chester.....5 00	Russell, S. Howland.....10 00
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Heltzmann, D. T.....5 00	Schweyer, Edward.....10 00
Herrick, Mrs. J. Hobart.....5 00	Schwietering, H. H.....10 00
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Hitchcock, Dr. Charles.....10 00	Sheldon, Frederic.....10 00
Hoffman, Rev. Eugene A.....25 00	Shoenberger, John H.....100 00
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Hopkins, Amos L.....10 00	Sloan, Samuel.....25 00
Hopkins, Franklin W.....5 00	Sloane, Chas. W.....10 00
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Houston, Theodore.....25 00	Smith, John Jewell.....10 00
Howland, Samuel S.....10 00	Smith, St. Clair, M. D.....5 00
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Thorne, Miss Phebe A. ....	10 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius. ....	100 00	Weir, J. Alden. ....	10 00	Zabriskie, Mrs. S. J. ....	10 00
Thorne, Samuel. ....	10 00						

### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:—

Bleecker Mission, by Jas. B. Laval. N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society.  
 Children's Lunches. N. Y. Laborers West Side Ben. Union  
 Christ's Home for Fallen Women. N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Soc.  
 Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home  
 Cleft Mission." alias Home for Children or Aged  
 Free Dispensary of N. Y. Men, 175th St. and 10th ave. (High  
 Hibernian Union Club. Bridge,) or any other institution  
 Hudson Benevolent Association. managed by Wm. H. Ramsar.  
 Institute for Children, Sisters Penal Reform, by Marvin H. Bovee.  
 Harget and Beatrice, North N. Y. Public Schools Aid Soc., or, School  
 Institute, indefinite character, Children's Benefit Soc., A. B. Clark.  
 pretended Sisters, 9 Livingston Pl. Manager.  
 Irish-American Benevolent Ass'n. Reading Room for Working Men  
 Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, Pres. of the various R. R. Companies.  
 Manhattan Benevolent Association Reform Charity Union.  
 Minerva Home for Cash Girls. Society of Holy Innocents.  
 Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship St. Stephen's Guild.  
 Mission of Reading, Pa. St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692  
 Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for East 164th Street.  
 Insa e." Tenement Household Aid Ass'n.  
 N. Y. Charitable Aid Society. Widows and Orphans Relief Ass'n.

or any other Relief enterprise not managed or endorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workmen, especially freight handlers. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers.

**CAUTION.**—Members are advised to be cautious of appeals at house-doors from women "about to become mothers." Several such cases on investigation have proved to be fraudulent.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging-letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Bell, Thos. E. and wife.	Mallory, Lewis
Benson, James	Maloney, Patrick
Bullock, Minnie alias Frances E.	Mulhearn, Mary
Butler, Michael and Rose	Reed, Mary
Campbell, Mary	Regan, Mary Ann
Colclough, W. J.	Richardson, James
Davis, Day or Davidson, Loretto	Schultz, Gustavus
Fecher, John	Scully, Wm. and Mary
Hadley, Mrs. Margaret	Simpson, George and Mary
Hall, Annie Melick	Solomon, Max or Henry
Henry, Catherine	Stone, John and Mary
Heymann, Karl	Taylor, Edward
Howell, Jennie	Walters, Celina
Jobling, John and Margaret	Whelpdale, Wm. and Mary
Lewis, Marion	White, Joseph
Loomis, Madeline	Wilson, Kate
McKeag, Jacob and Sarah	

### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.	Lyman, Kate
Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Meyers, Ann
Britton, Mary	Morton, W. M.
Butel, A. F. H.	Nicholson, John
Butler, Robt.	Sheridan, Mattie
Hamilton, Johnston	Smith, Mary Ida
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Solomon, Henry
Harris, Ann	Stewart, George
Howard, George	Taylor, alias Wilson, I
Jennings, Susan, of So. Carolina.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	White, Richard,
Kiely, Ann Lee	Williams, Mary Ann
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	Wilson, Jane

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d Street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of February this Committee has treated 59 cases, 33 being new; it has also directed 8 others. It has procured relief for 58, secured permanent work for 8, and occasional work for 16, and 12 have thus been made self-supporting. 10 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help, (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, house-cleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—During the nine months ending December 31st, although not the busiest part of the year, we have dealt with over 400 cases, of which 240 were new. By procuring work for a large number of these we have enabled them to "help themselves," the majority of cases being very successful, and we can look with satisfaction on our efforts in that direction. Sometimes temporary or occasional work was secured for a trial, and proving faithful, a permanent position was secured. We endeavor to make work the basis of relief given. But in some instances, sickness and incurable disease are the causes of distress. As an illustration we give one case where a friend, and not alms, was needed. It is that of Mr. and Mrs. M. and 4 little children. The husband and father sick with consumption had been invited to spend a short time with relatives in the country, who, though poor themselves, wished to help this afflicted family all they could, by giving the dying man fresh air and change of scene. The two younger children were also sick, thus absorbing the entire attention of the mother at home. The family had saved a little from their earnings, having been thrifty when able to work; but this long siege of sickness, and the helplessness of the children, had nearly exhausted their little store. Mr. M., tired of absence from his family, returned to the City, so that it required nearly all the wife's time to take care of him. The Visitor interested herself and friends in the case, gained their confidence, and learned that they had seen better days. They had pawned some valuable heir-loom, on which the time had nearly expired, and they were unable to pay the exorbitant interest charged. The Visitor kindly released the articles from the pawn-office, and by cheerful and friendly counsel the family was made comparatively happy. The man's relatives paid their rent. The physician was induced to give his services free for a short time, to ease the invalid's suffering, as he was beyond human skill to cure. He soon passed away, and almost with his dying breath, thanked the ladies who had made his last hours so happy with their cheer and kind words. The widow moved into cheaper apartments. Now that her absorbing care is gone, she can work for her little ones. The relatives will still continue to pay her rent until the widow is fully set on her feet again, and the Visitor will keep a watchful eye over them.

This case illustrates one of the fundamental principles of our Society, that in sending a friend to the poor we do more for them than by any amount of pecuniary aid. We want more ladies and gentlemen to aid us. We need more earnest helpers. With so large a number of cases and so few visitors, it is plain that all cannot have the attention we would like to give them. We sincerely thank our Visitors for their hearty co-operation in our work. We thank those who so freely contributed money to carry it on, and we trust that the result of our labors will satisfy the public that their confidence in our efforts has not been misplaced.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Chairman*.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARBYDT, *Ch'n*, G. A. ROBERTSON, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 37th and 53d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th Street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—Early this spring a prominent lady of the District sent to us a woman who had appealed to her sympathies by her sorrowful story. Her husband, after many months' illness, died of consumption. Within five weeks she buried her baby and also an only brother to whom she had been looking for support. For a few weeks her appeals had been

answered by a little help, but finally ceased altogether. The last appeal made to the same person was referred to us and a visit followed. It was necessary to make her realize that she had three children looking to her for support, and that she must not sit down and fold her hands; that she must look for cheaper apartments and keep them more tidy; that she had better sell certain articles of furniture useless to her and start afresh. But even so she utterly failed to achieve self-support. Sewing was the only thing she could do. A delicate sister was added to her household (obliged to leave her situation), bringing her last month's wages which was nearly all they had to live on. We procured the services of a physician who benefited the sister greatly. More sewing for the woman was secured which she did well and she was just beginning to feel that she was again on the road to success, when her customers left the city for the summer and once more she became discouraged. We then sent her oldest child to the country who returned with substantial presents, and a pleasant correspondence has been kept up with the friends made then. Her sister was soon able to return to service, and a day-nurseries cared for her young children while she was at work which we obtained for her in the Fall. She is now taking care of herself and children and doing it well. Thus the strong, persistent pull of a friend has done what alms would have failed to do.

### THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSELAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y and Treas.*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

43 cases were treated by this Committee during February, of which 24 were new, 15 others were directed; relief was procured for 11, permanent work secured for 3, temporary work for 17, 13 were rendered self-supporting, 11 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 2 frauds were exposed, 13 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 93 consultation cases were considered.

Men for laboring work or other unskilled labor, 1 one armed man for permanent work of any kind, always women for day's work, etc, two nurses and several seamstresses.

**BEWARE OF AN EX-CONVICT** (as he calls himself.)—The man has been duping a number of clergymen of different denominations for the last 2 years, by professing to have "got religion" at each of their particular places of worship, and has been fed, clothed and supplied with work on the strength of his professions. He is about 25, of pleasing address, but dresses shabbily. Relatives out of the city are willing to do for him if he will go to them. This he has promised to do, but still remains.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, No. 683.**—A respectable, well educated couple both near three score years and ten, was referred to us by a clergyman to whom the wife had applied, but upon whom she had no special claim. Investigation disclosed the fact that the man had, in years gone by, held most important positions, both private and governmental, but misfortunes had multiplied until now they were without food or fuel, and threatened with ejection from the miserable and noxious cellar which was their abode. Three children were living, but all married and widely separated, and their whereabouts unknown. The old couple's pressing needs were supplied by a benevolent resident, and measures were taken at once to hunt up the children. These were so far successful that shortly we had the satisfaction of handing the parents a remittance from a daughter sufficient to pay the rent of more wholesome quarters, to which they were at once removed, and a promise from the other two children to help, although neither were able to do much. Suitable employment was found for the wife, and some writing at home for the man, and both are now well, comfortably situated, and self-supporting.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th Street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during February, 38 cases, and directed 27 others. Of the 38, 3 were found worthy of continuous relief, 6 of temporary relief, 19 needing work rather than relief, and 10 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 5 frauds were exposed. Relief was procured for 15, permanent work for 7, temporary work for 7, and advice has been given in 8 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 5 men, and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing or scrubbing.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—A family was brought to the notice of the Committee through the personal application of the husband, and father. The man stated that he could not obtain work, and that in consequence his family were in great need. To add to their troubles, the house in which they lived had been condemned as unsafe, and this necessitated a removal to other quarters, which was greatly to be deplored, as the landlord had been very kind to them. After repeated trials and failures, work was secured for the man, in which he proved the honesty of his expressed willingness to do *anything*, for the work procured for him was not that to which he had been accustomed or would have preferred. He is doing his best and is giving satisfaction. The wife has also been found to be a good and willing worker; and that family has apparently passed through its darkest days. This has been accomplished without any outlay of money and they have been made self-sustaining by being helped to help themselves.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas. and Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th Streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During February, 44 cases have been treated, 21 being new, 6 others were directed, 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 16, regular work was secured for 2, temporary work for 7, 2 were made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 75 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters or laborers.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—As indicated in our last annual report our difficulty does not lie with the poor of our district, but with the rich. We have endeavored to induce the many churches in our district to call the attention of their parishioners to the fact that our Society exists—to the fact that our Committee stands ready to facilitate intercourse between the rich and poor in every way in its power. In return your Committee has asked little or nothing save countenance and some slight co-operation. We have nothing to add in this regard to our report of last year, and beg therefore to refer to and confirm it. Failing the churches, we have devoted time and thought to the next best point of attack. Circulars, postal cards, &c., &c., are of little use, and house to house visitation is extremely objectionable for many reasons. A plan has been spoken of to which we would respectfully beg to call the attention of the Central Council and the District Committees. Our object being to reach the well-to-do residents of the Districts, is there any method of drawing their attention to the local charities already existing or about to be established among their poorer neighbors;—any means of inducing them to become interested, not in this or that particular work, but in the charitable work generally of their district? We have thought that it might be possible to get a sufficient number of the residents enlisted in some such movement to justify an attempt, and that, should we find fifteen or twenty of our neighbors willing to associate themselves together for this end, in the ordinary form of a committee of the residents, such a committee might in time prove a valuable assistance to local charitable work. Furthermore, should such a committee exist in each district, it might, (although meeting but once or perhaps twice a year) be the means at least of organizing and increasing local public sentiment and more generally diffusing the knowledge of local needs, and the effort expended in meeting them. All of which is respectfully submitted. G. L. RIVES, *Chairman*.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

1. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n*, WILLIAM TROTTER, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Office, 157 West 20th Street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During February this Committee treated 29 cases, and directed 12 others to the proper source of help. Work was procured for 4, relief was procured for 3, 2 were placed in institutions and 4 frauds were suppressed. Advice has been given in 20 consultation cases.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—This Committee was organized in February, 1885, but hardly commenced work until March, so that its report will be one for but three-fourths of a year. We can add but little for the benefit of the Society as it has followed strictly in the lines marked out for the conducting of districts by the Central Office. Our district is remarkably free from the pauper and alms-seeking class, and our records show but a total of 175 cases to January 1st, 1886. These cases have received careful investigation, and relief has been procured according to their merit. Several families who were in the depths of poverty and despair, have been raised to positions of independence, and are now respectable members of society, dependent only upon their own efforts for support. In a few cases the families of the intemperate and dissolute have been broken up, their children taken from them and placed in institutions where proper training will tend to make them useful men and women. Several cases of fraud have been exposed, and those deserving more than passing notice have been duly published in the MONTHLY BULLETIN. We cannot help expressing our regret at the lack of interest shown by the residents of the District whom we endeavored to reach and familiarize with our work by the distribution of 5,000 circulars directed to them personally, and by the personal visitation of our District Agent, and members of the Committee. We are not aware that our circulars elicited a single response. Up to the present time we have been without the help of a single friendly visitor, consequently the whole burden has fallen on the Committee, their families, and personal friends. If our work is to be carried out in its broadest manner, we must have the active aid of friendly visitors, and the sympathy and support of the district residents. With such co-operation it would require but a short time to relieve every deserving case of distress and poverty, and suppress the undeserving. Without such assistance our work will be so restricted as to make it questionable whether we are attaining the result the Society would wish.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Chairman.*

### THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n.* B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas. and Sec'y.* cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth Avenue. Office, 347 East 18th Street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent.*

During the month of February, 32 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 15 were new, and 23 were interrogated and directed, relief was procured for 13, work secured for 8, and 6 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 10 families and 13 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 20 consultation cases.

Work is wanted for 1 baker, 1 cook, 2 watchmen, 2 porters and 4 laborers, &c.; also for 3 women to do washing and ironing, and 6 to do plain sewing.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—The action of this committee, during the year, has been without feature or occurrence requiring special comment. Its functions are well established; and the committee has carried on its work as an auxiliary arm of the main organization, with regularity. As a medium for action between those offering and those seeking relief, as an instrument for the detection of imposture, as a means for procuring labor for the destitute, and as maintaining a headquarters for information and advice, in a District where vice and poverty are prevalent, the work of the Committee has been useful to the citizen and beneficent to the poor. Regular meetings have been held once a fortnight, and others once a week, when visitors attached to the District have met with the committee for advice and consultation. These visitors, 23 in number, have materially aided in the charitable work, and, indeed, without them, an essential part of such work would be neglected. Among our statistics of the year the suppression of imposture is a marked feature. Over 41 professional beggars have been found unworthy of relief; and 52 cases of fraud have been exposed. The committee has been able, during the year, with the assistance of the "Working Girls' Vacation Society," the "Tribune Fresh Air Fund" and the "Sanitarium for Hebrew Children" to send upwards of 80 children to country resorts for a temporary sojourn; and also to provide day excursions for many children and their mothers. These excursions to the country are a valuable and pleasing part of the committee's work. Through them, the cares of many a home have been lessened, life brightened and health restored. Through them, many a child awakens to a new existence, and may have planted in its breast lessons of beauty and kindness that may last for life. The labors of our Agent, Mr. Hebbard, have been characterized, not only by careful attention to prescribed duties, but by a zealous activity that merits commendation. His report gives, in detail, the work of this Committee for the year. Respectfully submitted, JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n.*

### THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROBT W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n.* DANIEL LORD, Jr., *Sec'y.* supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 East 9th Street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent.*

100 cases have been cared for during February, 47 of which were new, and 125 others have been directed. 16 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 23, permanent work was secured for 20, occasional work for 35, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, 5 were emigrated for their own benefit, 4 frauds were exposed and 40 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers and seamstresses.

### THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n.* W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y.* in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth Avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent.*

This Committee reports 60 cases taken up during February, 47 being new, also 12 families, and 23 homeless persons directed, 3 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 8, temporary work for 6, 7 were made self-supporting, 3 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 14 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 5 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys, (very bright); 16 good women for day work, laundresses, 5 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse; 2 male nurses (have best of references), and 1 woman (slightly deaf) would like a home; can do all kinds of housework.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, No. 1066.**—An American widow of 65, childless and alone, came to us with a very sad story of distress. Once in very comfortable circumstances, now, in her old age, she found herself, by a series of misfortunes, reduced to the necessity of earning a livelihood and could find no better occupation than the wretched underpaid one of plain sewing. Unaccustomed to the work and with failing eye-sight, she could not earn enough to keep herself from want. Thoroughly discouraged she came to us for advice. A friendly visitor was found and her case carefully studied. She was paying \$5.00 per month for two small rooms, only one of which she was really using. Through friends of the Committee the extra room was nicely furnished that she might take one or two respectable women as lodgers. In this way she obtains more than enough to pay her rent, and thus her burden has been materially lightened, without placing her on any charity list. More suitable glasses have also been procured for her to reduce the strain on her eyes; and the visitor will feel the responsibility of seeing that she has sufficient work. We think this a good illustration of how the poor may be adequately relieved and at the same time be allowed to preserve their independence.

### THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During February 234 cases were directed to the proper help, 226 of which were new. Relief was procured for 22, 5 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 23, and 56 cases were investigated by request but not taken in charge. 97 consultative cases were also considered.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

#### KINDLING WOOD.

THE NEW YORK LABOR BUREAU ASSOCIATION has relieved the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY from the care of operating the Wood Yard as a labor test. This new Association assumed the control of the Wood Yard February 18th, 1886, but the system of operation will be practically unchanged. There are about 100 loads of kindling wood on hand in this Wood Yard, which should be sold in order to meet the winter's expenses of this undertaking. Orders may be sent to WM. YARDLEY, Superintendent, cor. 19th Street and Avenue B, N. Y. City.

**FOR PROTECTION AGAINST BEGGARS.**—We have received several orders for the door-plates referred to on the first page of our February Bulletin, but not enough to cover the first cost of the preparatory dies. Members who have been familiar with their use abroad warmly welcome the plan as "an easy method of being rid of the professional-als." We enclose slips on which the plates may be ordered, and again ask the prompt consideration of our members.

**GENEROUS AND TIMELY GIFT.**—The intimation in our February Bulletin, that the Society desired to purchase a safe for its more valuable books and papers, prompted one of our members, Mr. Charles Lanier, to furnish one of the best quality, for which the Central Council passed a cordial vote of thanks.

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**OUR NEW DEPARTURE.**

The BULLETIN appears this month in an enlarged size. It was first published in February, 1884, as a single page circular, but one of the members of the Central Council was so impressed with its value as a means of acquainting the members of the Society with its methods of operation that he urged an enlargement to four pages, and himself bore the cost of publication for two years. With the present enlargement, we may believe that its usefulness will be correspondingly increased. One object in the enlargement is that we may be able to lay before the members of the Society each month an abstract of the transactions of the Central Council.

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**THE OLD CHARITY AND THE NEW.**

With each copy of the BULLETIN this month is sent a copy of the address of Dr. Wayland, of Philadelphia, at the last annual meeting of the Society. Those who heard it when delivered will be interested in reading it again, and those who did not have the privilege of listening to it will surely enjoy its perusal.

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**CHARITABLE DEPREDATORS.****A MUCH-NEEDED PROTECTION.**

A practical illustration has lately occurred of the value of the Society to citizens who are prompt and willing to support the meritorious philanthropic enterprises of the community, and have been heretofore without any system of reliable information concerning them. A leading firm of shipping merchants became annual members of this Society during the past month, and at once drew off from their ledger a list of twenty-one societies to which they had been regular contributors for some years, and sent the list to this office for information.

Of the twenty-one names upon the list, ten, or nearly one-half, proved to be known to the C. O. S. as those of schemes either unquestionably fraudulent or utterly unworthy of support; and upon suitable explanation, they were stricken from the firm's roll. Thus a membership in this Society saved the firm at once an annual expenditure of about \$100, and gave them the assurance that the rest of their benefactions were properly bestowed.

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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL**

Held its regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 6th, at 4.30 P.M. President Weeks was in the chair, and there were present Messrs. Derby, Olney, J. R. Roosevelt, A. Roosevelt, Gracie, Slocum, Merrill, Stern, Andrews, Brown, de Forest, Fox, Seligman, Cornell, Gould, Leggett, Bridgman, Baylies, Peaslee, Beckwith, Pryor, Bannard, Oppenheimer, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Lowell—26 in all.

The monthly report of the Treasurer showed receipts since last account of \$5,137.80, and disbursements of \$2,735.64, with a balance on hand of \$4,720.22, and the Society out of debt.

The Organizing Secretary read his monthly report, and the following action was taken upon the matters presented by him:

1. An order was authorized for \$2,247.65 for the expenses of the Central and District work for the ensuing fiscal month, upon his estimates duly approved by the proper Committees.

2. The matter of providing Legal Aid for the Poor in connection with the State Charities Aid Association, was referred to the Committee on Legal Questions.

3. The matter of securing a trained nurse for each District Committee was referred to the Committee on District Work.

4. The matter of pending legislation concerning Municipal Lodging Houses was referred to the Committee on Mendicancy\* with power.

Mrs. Lowell, for the Committee on District Work, reported the details of the work of the District Committees, and urged increased energy in trying to secure Friendly Visitors; recommending weekly meetings of the District Committees with their visitors; the formation of auxiliary corps, and an interchange of visiting delegates from one Committee to another to bring them into closer relations, and more thorough unity. It also advised the Committees to ascertain the present condition of all cases reported during the past twelve months as "made self-supporting."

Mr. Stern, of the Committee on Mendicancy, presented the usual tabular statement of the Out-door Officer's doings in March.

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\* (The Committee met, and considered the subject immediately upon the adjournment of the Council, approved the pending Bill, and immediate steps were taken to further the efforts of the State Charities Aid Association in its behalf.)



The Committee on Publications reported, mentioning the publication of Dr. Wayland's Annual Meeting address, the enlargement of the Monthly Bulletin, and the progress through the press of the Annual Report and the new edition of the Society's Directory of Charities.

Mr. de Forest, Chairman of a Special Committee, announced arrangements for a joint Conference of the Central Council and the District Committees, with the object of bringing about a better acquaintance and closer relations, to be held at the house of the President, on the evening of Thursday, April 15th.

Mr. Pryor, of the 12th District Committee, made an unfavorable report regarding the "Minerva Home for Cash Girls."

Dr. Stuyvesant F. Morris and Mr. Temple Prime were elected to fill vacancies on the Central Council, and Messrs. Charles S. Fairchild, Arthur M. Dodge, and H. McK. Twombly were chosen Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	6146	Referred for investigation..	242
Total families registered..	75,100	Total Number of Reports	
No. of Reports sent out..	745	on file.....	113,960

#### The District Committees' Report.

Cases considered.....	946	Procured relief for.....	141
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	7
charity.....	473	Secured work for.....	210
False addresses.....	46	Made self-supporting.....	53
Worthy continuous relief..	28	Emigrated.....	18
" temporary ".....	98	Families broken up.....	3
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	247	pressed.....	23
Unworthy of relief.....	54	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, etc. . .	134
lums, etc.....	17	Friendly Visitors on duty..	163

#### STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door office to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 94 cases.

##### CLASSIFIED AS:

14 Dispensary cases.  
8 Begging letter-writers.  
23 Sidewalk beggars.  
30 House-to-house beggars.  
17 Tramps.  
2 Miscellaneous.

##### THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

21 Helpless through infirmity.\*  
64 or 68 per cent able-bodied.  
9 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS:—28 warned, directed, and counselled, and 31 were committed for 1 and 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pitiunces to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

##### RESIDING:

47 In cheap lodging-houses.  
21 In their own homes.  
12 Gave false addresses.  
8 Station-house lodgers, etc.  
2 Refused address.

##### HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWN.

11 Needy and worthy.\*  
6 Had ample means.  
34 Shiftless and idle.  
34 Dissolute and vicious.

#### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to:

Bleeker Mission, by J. B. Laval.	Institute, indefinite character, pretended Sisters, 9 Livingston Place.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Currier's Benevolent and Protective Association.	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Hibernian Union Club.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
Hudson Benevolent Associat'n.	Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home
Institute for Children, Sisters Harget & Beatrice, North N. Y.	Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."

#### A PUBLIC OUTRAGE.

An iniquitous bill is now before the legislature, to compel the Board of Health to allow the accumulation of stacks of rotting stable manure on the East River front, at a point where it will endanger the health of the inmates of thousands of private houses and tenements, and of many hospitals, homes, and asylums.

It is an attempt at special legislation in the interest of Michael Kane, who was indicted not long ago, and fined \$250 for doing this very thing. Now the legislature is asked to legalize a declared nuisance, which has been decided detrimental to health by the Board of Health and by every expert, and the maintainer of which has been a notorious and convicted offender.

In the interest of public health, and especially the health of thousands of the poor who are compelled to live within the polluted and noxious atmosphere, we ask the interest of every member of this Society, with the hope that any member who may have an acquaintance in the Assembly, where the bill now is, may use his personal influence in opposition to the measure.

N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.	Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or,
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.	School Children's Benefit
N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.	Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	Reading Room for Work-
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramsdell.	men of the various R.R. Co.'s.
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.	Reform Charity Union.
	Society of Holy Innocents.
	St. Stephen's Guild.
	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery,
	692 East 164th St.
	Tenement Household Aid Ass.
	Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Ahearn, Mary	Martell, Patrick and Martha
Benson, George	Martigny or Montigny, Theo.
Brennan, John and Margaret	Moore, Alfred and Kate
Bronick, alias Bronax, alias Reynolds, Mrs.	Parsons, Emma
Connolly, Sophia	Regan, Mary Ann
Curtis, James	Reynolds, alias Bronick, Bronax, Mrs.
Dicenta, alias Degan, Mary	Rooney, George and Johanna
Gilligan, Catharine	Schultz, Gustave
Gleeson, Dennis and Margaret	Traynor, James and Kate
Grady, Katie	Vidal, Frank P.
Horne, John and Ellen	Victims of Oregon disaster
Horne, Wm. and Elizabeth	Watson, Joseph or Henry
Howland, Rev. S.	Williams, Ella
McGloin, Patrick and Margaret	White, William
Mallory, Lewis	

#### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.	King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite
Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyman, Kate
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Britton, Mary	Meyers, Ann
Butel, A. F. H.	Morton, W. M.
Butler, Robt.	Nicholson, John
Hamilton, Johnston	Sheridan, Mattie
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Mary Ida
Harris, Ann	Solomon, Henry
Howard, George	Stewart, George
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Taylor, alias Wilson, I.
Hutchinson, George	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Jennings, Susan, of S. Carolina	White, Richard
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Williams, Mary Ann
Kiely, Ann Lee	Wilson, Jane

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—JACOB AND SARAH McKEAG were placed on our "Cautionary List" last month (March, 1886), upon information received from a trustworthy source, the correctness of which now proves to be in doubt. Further careful examination leads us to believe that they are estimable and worthy people; and in simple justice to them we gladly make this statement in order to correct any unfavorable impression made by our previous publication of their names.

Contributions in March, 1886.

Adams, Thos. S. ....	\$10 00	Flagg, Miss Maria M. ....	\$5 00	Mackay, Donald. ....	\$10 00	Smillie, Mrs. Jas. D. ....	\$10 00
Adler, Felix. ....	5 00	Forbes, John M., Jr. ....	10 00	Maitland, Robert L. ....	10 00	Smith, Emily M. ....	5 00
Alden, Mrs. B. R. ....	10 00	Ford, John R. ....	50 00	Marshall, H. R. ....	10 00	Smith, Alfred H. ....	5 00
Angel, Mrs. E. M. ....	5 00	Forest, W. C. ....	10 00	Miller, Chas. A. ....	10 00	Smith, Henry L. ....	10 00
Angell, H. H. B. ....	10 00	Frame, Jas. A. ....	10 00	Miller, Geo. Macculloch. ....	5 00	Smith, Wm. Alex. ....	10 00
Anonymous. ....	10 00	Frankenheimer, John. ....	10 00	Morrell, Thos. ....	5 00	Stanton, Mrs. Geo. W. ....	5 00
Do. ....	100 00	Frauenstein, Dr. G. ....	10 00	Morris, Mrs. A. Newbold. ....	5 00	Starr, Theo. B. ....	10 00
Appleton, D. S. ....	5 00	Fuld, Samuel. ....	10 00	Morris & Son, L. W. ....	10 00	Stern, Myer. ....	10 00
Appleton, Mrs. F. R. ....	5 00	Fussell, A. S. ....	10 00	Müller, Mrs. Frederick. ....	10 00	Stevens, Mrs. Byam K. ....	10 00
Arnold, Constable & Co. ....	100 00	Garretson, Francis T. ....	10 00	Murray, Jas. B. ....	10 00	Stevens, Byam K. ....	10 00
Auchincloss, Hugh D. ....	25 00	Gillender, A. ....	10 00	Norwood, Mrs. A. G. ....	5 00	Steward, Mrs. John, Jr. ....	5 00
Auchincloss, Miss E. E. ....	10 00	Gilliss, Walter. ....	5 00	Nutting, T. B., Jr. ....	10 00	Stewart, Wm. R. ....	10 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. E. S. ....	10 00	Gilliss & Geoghegan. ....	10 00	Olney, Peter B. ....	10 00	Stimson, Dr. Daniel M. ....	5 00
Auchincloss, Hugh. ....	10 00	Gold, Cornelius B. ....	10 00	Olney, Mrs. Peter B. ....	10 00	Stinson, Col. Daniel. ....	10 00
Babcock, H. D. ....	10 00	Goldenberg, Mrs. S. ....	10 00	Oothout, William. ....	5 00	Strang, Samuel A. ....	5 00
Bache, Mrs. Semon. ....	5 00	Gould, Chas. W. ....	10 00	Oppenheimer, H. S., M.D. ....	10 00	Straus, Isidor. ....	10 00
Bannard, Otto T. ....	10 00	Gracie, Jas. K. ....	10 00	Otis, Dr. Fessenden N. ....	10 00	Stuart, Mrs. Jas. ....	5 00
Banning, Mrs. Wm. C. ....	5 00	Greenough, Wm. ....	10 00	Ottendorfer, Oswald. ....	20 00	Sturgis, Mrs. Susan. ....	5 00
Barbour, Mrs. Margaret. ....	10 00	Haas, Fred'k. ....	10 00	Pancoast, Archer V. ....	10 00	Stuyvesant, Rutherford. ....	100 00
Barbour, Wm. D. ....	10 00	Hadden, the Misses. ....	10 00	Parrell, Henry V. ....	5 00	Sutry, Lionel. ....	10 00
Barlow, Mrs. F. C. ....	25 00	Hall, John M. ....	5 00	Peabody, C. A., Jr. ....	5 00	Sutter, William, Jr. ....	10 00
Barnes, Mrs. Mary C. ....	10 00	Halsey, Mrs. Fred'k K. ....	10 00	Peck, C. C. ....	5 00	Swift, Mrs. H. H. ....	5 00
Bauchle, Thos. H. ....	10 00	Halstead, P. S. ....	10 00	Pellow, Henry E. ....	46 00	Syms, William J. ....	25 00
Beach, M. S. ....	10 00	Hard, Anson W. ....	10 00	Perkins, Mrs. Margaret. ....	10 00	Taylor, Eleanor. ....	10 00
Bernheimer, Adolph. ....	10 00	Harding, Colby & Co. ....	10 00	Perry, C. M. ....	15 00	Taylor Dr. C. Fayette. ....	10 00
Betts, Samuel R. ....	10 00	Hargous, Mrs. L. S. ....	10 00	Phoenix, P. ....	10 00	Theall, Horace. ....	10 00
Billings, Randal B. ....	10 00	Harper, Fletcher. ....	5 00	Phoenix, Lloyd. ....	10 00	Thebaud, Paul L. ....	5 00
Blodgett, Mrs. Wm. T. ....	10 00	Harriman, Mrs. E. H. ....	10 00	Piza, David M. ....	10 00	Thompson, F. F. ....	50 00
Bloodgood, John H. ....	10 00	Harriman, Mrs. C. ....	5 00	Post, Chas. A. ....	5 00	Thompson, Morris S. ....	10 00
Blumenthal, Isaac. ....	5 00	Harris, Mrs. W. D. ....	5 00	Pott, Francis. ....	5 00	Thorn, Mrs. Wm. K. ....	10 00
Bogert, E. C. ....	10 00	Hart, Miss Viola. ....	5 00	Potter, Howard Nott. ....	10 00	Tiffany, Louis C. ....	15 00
Booth, Fred'k A. ....	10 00	Hart, Mrs. J. C. ....	10 00	Prall, Miss E. A. ....	10 00	Tompkins, Gilbert. ....	10 00
Bouchet Fils & Co. ....	10 00	Hatch, Chas. F. ....	10 00	Purdy, J. Harsen. ....	10 00	Topping, Mrs. William. ....	5 00
Braam, Henri M. ....	30 00	Hatfield, E. F. ....	10 00	Purdy, J. Henry. ....	10 00	Trimble, Mrs. Merritt. ....	10 00
Braker, O. Jr. ....	10 00	Hauselt, Charles. ....	10 00	Ralli Brothers. ....	10 00	Tripler, T. E. ....	5 00
Bristow, B. H. ....	5 00	Haxton, Mrs. Benjamin. ....	10 00	Rand, George C. ....	10 00	Trowbridge, E. D. ....	10 00
Brooks, Rev. Arthur. ....	10 00	Heinze, Otto & Co. ....	10 00	Rapallo, Mrs. Helen S. ....	10 00	Turner, H. B. ....	10 00
Brown, Mrs. C. V. ....	10 00	Hellman, Theo. ....	10 00	Raymond, Mrs. J. T. ....	10 00	Turner, R. W. ....	5 00
Brown, Mrs. James H. ....	5 00	Heppenheimer, Dr. F. C. ....	10 00	Raymond, Chas. M. ....	10 00	Vanderpoel, Mrs. A. J. ....	10 00
Brown, Charles S. ....	10 00	Henderson, C. R. ....	10 00	Raynolds, Chas. C. ....	10 00	Van Santvoord, A. ....	10 00
Brown, Egerton. ....	10 00	Hewitt, Abram S. ....	10 00	Raynor, Samuel. ....	5 00	Van Schaick, Jenkins. ....	5 00
Bryce, Miss Madeleine. ....	10 00	Higginson, Jas. J. ....	10 00	Redding, Mrs. Josephine. ....	5 00	Van Vleck, Mrs. E. D. ....	25 00
Buckham, Geo. ....	10 00	Hilcburgh, Henry. ....	10 00	Rice, Mrs. Wm. B. ....	10 00	Van Vorst, H. C. ....	5 00
Bull, W. Lanman. ....	25 00	Hitchcock, Darling & Co. ....	10 00	Rice, Wm. B. ....	10 00	Van Wagener, Bleecker. ....	10 00
Bullard, Mrs. J. L. ....	5 00	Hoe, Mr. & Mrs. Richard M., Jr. ....	10 00	Richard, Mrs. C. B. ....	10 00	W. H. F. ....	50 00
Burke, Chas. C. ....	10 00	Hoffman, Mrs. Wm. B. ....	5 00	Rives, G. L. ....	10 00	Walsh, Jas. W., Jr. ....	10 00
Bussing, John S. ....	10 00	Holt, Henry. ....	50 00	Robbins, Miss H. L. ....	5 00	Wandell, B. C. ....	5 00
Calman, Mrs. E. ....	10 00	Horton, Mrs. B. W. ....	10 00	Roberts, Rev. John J., D.D. ....	5 00	Waring, F. M. ....	10 00
Carolyn, Mrs. Wm. V. ....	10 00	Hotchkiss, Mrs. H. L. ....	5 00	Robertson, R. H. ....	10 00	Watson, B. F. ....	10 00
Chambers, Rev. Talbot W., D.D. ....	10 00	Hubbard, Mrs. Mary H. ....	10 00	Robinson, Dr. Beverly. ....	10 00	Watts, D. G. ....	10 00
Childs, Harris C. ....	10 00	Hudson, Mrs. C. I. ....	5 00	Rockefeller, William. ....	100 00	Weeks, Mrs. Francis H. ....	10 00
Clark, Francis D. ....	5 00	Huss, Geo. Martin. ....	5 00	Rockefeller, John D. ....	100 00	Weeks, Francis H. ....	125 00
Clark, W. Irving. ....	10 00	Ickelheimer, Isaac. ....	10 00	Roe, Thos. W. ....	10 00	Veir, Robert F., M.D. ....	5 00
Coe, Rev. Edward B., D.D. ....	10 00	Irving, Washington, Jr. ....	10 00	Roe, Mrs. R. C. ....	5 00	Werner, Mrs. Katharine. ....	5 00
Coe, E. F. ....	10 00	Isaacs, Isaac S. ....	10 00	Root, Mrs. Henry S. ....	25 00	Wetmore, Edmund. ....	10 00
Coe, Edward P. ....	100 00	Iselin, Adrian. ....	10 00	Ross, Alexander M. ....	5 00	Wheeler, Emily O. ....	10 00
Coit, Mrs. H. A. ....	5 00	Jackson, Chas. C. ....	5 00	Rossiter, Rev. S. B. ....	5 00	Wheeler, Miss Laura. ....	10 00
Colgate, Bowles. ....	25 00	Jaffe & Pinkus, O. ....	10 00	Rothschild, M. D. ....	10 00	Wheelock, Geo. G., M.D. ....	10 00
Collier, Mrs. M. Dwight. ....	10 00	Jennings, O. B. ....	10 00	Rothschild Bros. & Co. ....	10 00	White, Alfred T. ....	10 00
Collins, Charles. ....	10 00	Jesurun, Mrs. L. P. ....	10 00	Russell, Miss C. A. ....	10 00	White, Horace. ....	10 00
Cooksey, Mrs. Geo. B. ....	10 00	Johnston, Colles. ....	10 00	Rusbits, J. ....	10 00	Whitlock, Daniel B. ....	10 00
Cooper, Edward. ....	50 00	Johnston, J. Herbert. ....	10 00	Sabine, G. A., M.D. ....	10 00	Willetts, Mrs. Lydia. ....	10 00
Cooper, Est. of Wm. ....	50 00	Johnston, J. W. ....	10 00	Sage, Russell. ....	25 00	Willetts, Mrs. Wm. H. ....	5 00
Crosby, Rev. Howard, D.D. ....	10 00	Jones, Mrs. F. R. ....	10 00	Schafer, Samuel M. ....	10 00	Williams, Sherman. ....	10 00
Cumling, J. R. ....	10 00	Kane, Mrs. John T. ....	5 00	Scheuer, Charles. ....	10 00	Wilson, Mrs. H. S. ....	10 00
Cutting, Mrs. W. Bayard. ....	10 00	Kean, Mrs. John. ....	25 00	Schley, Mrs. W. T. ....	10 00	Wisner, William H. ....	10 00
Cutting, W. Bayard. ....	50 00	Kendrick, Col. H. L. ....	10 00	Scholle Brothers. ....	10 00	Witherbee, Mrs. Frank C. ....	5 00
Daly, Hon. Chas. P. ....	10 00	Kennedy, Miss Rachael L. ....	10 00	Schultz, Carl H. ....	10 00	Witherbee, Frank C. ....	10 00
Dannhauser, L. ....	10 00	Kepler, Mrs. S. ....	10 00	Schuyler, Louise Lee. ....	20 00	Work, Frank, Jr. ....	5 00
Dart, Russell, Jr. ....	5 00	Keppel, Frederick. ....	10 00	Schwab, Gustav H. ....	10 00	Wyckoff, Henry A. ....	10 00
Davis, Geo. W. ....	10 00	King, Wm. F. ....	10 00	Scribner, Arthur H. ....	10 00	Wynkoop, Francis C. ....	10 00
De Forest, Robert W. ....	10 00	Kissam, Jonas B. ....	10 00	Seligman, Mrs. David J. ....	10 00	Young, Mrs. Thos. C. ....	5 00
De Forest, Mrs. R. W. ....	10 00	Kneeland, Mrs. Louisa T. ....	10 00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G. ....	15 00	Young, Richard D. ....	10 00
De Forest, Mrs. Lockwood. ....	10 00	Knight, Geo. T. ....	10 00	Sibley, H. W. ....	25 00	Zion Church. ....	75 50
De Grauw, W. N., Jr. ....	10 00	Knoblauch, Mrs. C. ....	5 00	Skeel, Roswell. ....	25 00		
Demorest, Wm. J. ....	5 00	Kyle, James. ....	10 00				
Devoe, F. W. ....	50 00	Laidlaw, H. B. ....	5 00				
Dexter, Henry. ....	10 00	Laidlaw, C. E. ....	5 00				
Dickie, Edward P. ....	100 00	Lane, Wm. H. ....	10 00				
Dodge, Miss Grace H. ....	10 00	Lane, Mrs. Wm. H. ....	10 00				
Dormitzer, Mrs. Henry. ....	25 00	Langmann, Dr. G. ....	10 00				
Dorsher, Miss M. R. ....	10 00	Leavitt, H. S. ....	10 00				
Drayton, J. Coleman. ....	15 00	Lefferts, Frederick R. ....	10 00				
Duggin, Mrs. Chas. ....	10 00	Leoser, Chas. McK. ....	10 00				
Dun, Mrs. R. G. ....	5 00	Lewis, Richard V. ....	10 00				
Dunning, S. Wright. ....	15 00	Lightbody, Mrs. J. G. ....	10 00				
Durand, Mrs. Harriet A. ....	10 00	Lindley, Mrs. C. L. ....	10 00				
Durckman, Susan. ....	10 00	Livingston, Mrs. H. B. ....	10 00				
Eaton, Dorman B. ....	10 00	Livingston, John. ....	10 00				
Edison, Miss Mary A. ....	10 00	Livingston, Wm. S. ....	10 00				
Ellis, Geo. W. ....	10 00	Lord, Geo. De Forest. ....	10 00				
Emanuel, Chas. ....	10 00	Low & Brothers, A. A. ....	10 00				
Emerson, John W. ....	5 00	Lowry, Robert C. ....	10 00				
Fahnestock, Wm. ....	25 00	Lowther & Brother. ....	10 00				
Finck & Son, Andrew. ....	5 00	Lynch, Mrs. J. ....	5 00				
		Mack, Max. ....	5 00				

"OUR Society has renewed its membership in the Charity Organization Society, and cheerfully places its records before that useful organization. . . . The necessity of a proper interchange of views and information between the various relief societies has been long apparent."—11th Annual Report of the United Hebrew Charities.

"WE avail ourselves of the Charity Organization Society, who are enabled through careful agents to discriminate, and are of very great assistance to us, as they only send such as are proved destitute, and as far as possible worthy of our shelter."—31st Annual Report of the Nursery and Child's Hospital.

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JOSEPH J. SLOCUM, *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of March, this Committee has treated 66 cases, 32 being new; it has also directed 152 others. It has procured relief for 32, secured permanent work for 9, and occasional work for 19, and to have thus been made self-supporting. 19 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 205.—A very respectable woman with two girls, 17 and 13, was referred to us for investigation and care by a prominent lady. After an unhappy union for six years with a worthless fellow in the garb of a gentleman, a legal separation was secured, the Court allowing her \$50 per month alimony. To avoid the payment he fled to California, leaving her and her children perfectly helpless. Under the circumstances she could not resume the position of public school teacher which she had before marriage, and she managed to eke out a living by writing and keeping a few boarders. She failed in health, and the older girl, who was very delicate, gave her services in a store for the rent of the rooms they occupied in the rear of it. Failing to support her family, the mother tried plain sewing which barely kept them in food. The owner of the store intended to give up his business, and that resource would be cut off in a short time. What was to be done? Just at this time a position was obtained for the mother as a housekeeper in a hotel in Massachusetts, where she could take her girls and where they could also be employed. Suitable clothing was procured, and they were sent to their destination perfectly happy, and we felt that this apparently helpless family had been *adequately* helped.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 46 applications during March, of whom 14 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 32 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 5, permanent work for 2, temporary work for 9. 15 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Work-people sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District.

ANNUAL REPORT.—In presenting its first annual report, this Committee, having opened its office on February 15th, has very little that is new to state for the information of the Society. The work was quite new to most of the Committee, but has proved very interesting to them; and, after their experience, the Committee is fully satisfied that the plan of dealing with the poor, provided by this Society, is the best ever proposed in this city, and that a great mistake is made when the rules are deviated from, in a single case, to the extent of giving direct relief, and would ask the residents of the district who are not fully satisfied of this, and who charge our methods with harshness and unkindness, and indulge in indolent good nature under a cloak of charity, and think their duty to the poor is done when they give them twenty-five or fifty cents, to stop bestowing doles and avail themselves of the system of this Society, believing that a little experience, which is worth much theory—and we are prepared to show that experience which is of any value is all with us, and that in every instance in which our system has a fair field it has commended itself to the most benevolent, and to the most successful workers among the poor and helpless—will prove most satisfactory to those wishing to give aid, as well as to those who are the recipients. While individual ministers and laymen are among our earnest friends and co-operators, we are compelled to admit that we are as yet unsuccessful in enlisting the co-operation of the congregations, as such, in our work in this district; particularly is this the case in regard to the lack of Friendly Visitors, on whom so much depends in our wrestling with the numerous difficult cases constantly coming under our notice. Our territory is large, and our calls are many for the aid and counsel of Friendly Visitors; the few efficient and zealous ones who have aided us in our work we thank most sincerely. We should have so many on our list that our agent would have to assign only one case at a time to each Friendly Visitor; we want more workers, both ladies and gentlemen, who would be willing to visit one or more families, to do for them all that a friend can do, to discover the cause of their dependence, and remove it, if possible, and help them to self-support and self-respect. We have not received the co-operation of the churches and residents of the district to such an extent as we could wish; but confidence is a plant of slow growth, and we must be content to win our way slowly.

During the summer, much good was done by our agent in getting the benefits of the Fresh Air Fund for many of those in this district who were worthy, by securing lodgings in the country for working girls for a week or more during the heated term, as well as in sending parties of children into Central New York and Vermont, for a longer or shorter sojourn amid country air and scenes. The amount of benefit, moral as well as physical, which is gained by these excursions cannot be estimated.

Our greatest trouble has been to find employment for those willing to work, and to that end we have had a card printed and distributed throughout the district, asking those likely to be able to give work to apply at the District Office to see if we could not supply the need, which has proved very useful, thus helping us to make it easier for the needy to earn a dollar than to beg it. If those having the welfare of the poor at heart would refer *all* cases applying to them for aid to our District Office before giving money, and so help us to make it harder for the applicant to beg a dollar than to earn one, they would never regret having reposed their confidence in the Society. To bring the poor and rich into contact, to show practically and in actual life that each is the other's friend, is the great aim and object of our Society; slowly but surely we are winning the confidence and sympathy of the residents of the district to our cause and to our methods.

We find the wood-yard of great service in testing the real wish of some men to work and earn an honest half-dollar rather than to have it given to them in charity; and our agent can form a better idea of the true character of a man by the way in which he receives the wood-yard ticket, and also by the report made by the wood-yard superintendent of how the man does the work provided, than in any other way open to her.

At Christmas time, the ladies of the Flower and Fruit Mission kindly helped to make the holidays brighter by sending gifts to such as our agent gave them the names of as being worthy of their bounty.

Our Committee, for the first few months, met every Friday evening, at eight o'clock; but since October last we have found that fortnightly meetings were sufficient to enable us to supervise the very able and efficient work of our thoroughly competent agent, Miss Eliza Fisher, through whose energetic and well-directed efforts we have been enabled to assist, in some small degree, in feeding the hungry, in procuring work for the industrious, and in encouraging with personal sympathy those unfortunates whom circumstances or their own ignorance and folly have brought to misery and want.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Chairman*.

### THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSELAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

29 cases were treated by this Committee in March, of which 22 were new, 18 others were directed; relief was procured for 9, temporary work for 28, 16 were rendered self-supporting, 12 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 1 fraud was exposed, 10 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 82 consultation cases were considered.

Always women for day's work of any kind. Two coachmen, two waiters, two men for work of any kind.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—The Committee, in submitting its annual report, congratulates the Society on the progress that has been made during the past year. Information has been disseminated, prejudices have been overcome, the number of members has been increased, a very satisfactory amount of work has been done, and the influence of the Society has been widely extended. This Committee, although crippled for a time by the loss of several valuable members, has been able to carry on its part in the general work. Its most serious want has been the failure to secure a body of "Friendly Visitors," such as in time past have proved themselves to be its most efficient aids. Certainly without the co-operation of well-disposed individuals, as well as of churches and relief societies, it is not to be expected that we can do more than a small part of the work that presents itself to notice every day.

The regular reports submitted from this District, and on file at the Central Office, have given the details of the business transacted by us, and show how faithfully the work has been persevered in and kept up. We have succeeded in filling up our numbers, and are encouraged by signs of increased interest and activity. With the single exception of the visitors, there is no indication of any diminution of confidence in Charity Organization, or of zeal in carrying it on. We think that the value of our office as a *bureau of information and consultation* is becoming more and more appreciated; but we cannot conceal our regret that more who are engaged in ministering to the poor and needy do not avail themselves of its advantages.

Our thanks are due to the "Tribune Fresh Air Fund," which enabled us to send many of our forlorn little ones into the country for two or more weeks in the heat of summer. Through this means, two little girls have been adopted by farmers, both of whom were children of dissipated fathers with miserable homes. "The Working Girls' Vacation Society" has also our thanks for its good work in giving our working girls a chance to enjoy country air in the hot weather. And those kind friends who, confiding in us, have so generously relieved those whom we have commended to their compassion, have also our most cordial thanks.

In conclusion, we would renew our urgent appeal to all who have the desire to help us, to come forward and enroll themselves among our "Friendly Visitors."

M. VAN RENSSELAER, *Chairman*.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during March, 26 cases, and directed 25 others. Of the 26, 1 was found worthy of continuous relief, 5 of temporary relief, 17 needing work rather than relief, and 3 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 4 frauds were exposed. Relief was procured for 8, permanent work for 2, temporary work for 3, and advice has been given in 8 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 5 men and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing, or scrubbing.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—On the 4th of March, 1885, this Committee held its first meeting at its present district office, and commenced its work. The various churches in the district were thoroughly canvassed, and strong expressions of approval of the Society's work were received from them in almost every instance.

The work in the district was just being fairly started as summer approached; and then, for various good reasons, it was thought best to close the District Office during the summer months. This was done; the District Agent was discharged; and the office was closed from the 1st of July till the 15th of October.

Last autumn, the services of Miss E. Van Winkle, the present efficient Agent, were secured, and about the middle of October the office was re-opened. Cases soon began to come in, but the Committee, feeling desirous of making the Society's work thoroughly well known in the District, prepared an appropriate circular, and to insure delivery, distributed these circulars *by mail, in sealed envelopes*, personally addressed to all the principal residents of the District. About 3,200 circulars were sent out in this way. The numerous applications now made to our District Office are doubtless due, in no small degree, to the thoroughness with which this work of distributing the circulars was done. At present our Agent has more cases to investigate, than she can properly attend to. As an illustration of this, we mention the fact, that only a few days ago 33 cases from the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children were sent to our Agent at one time for investigation.

The Committee has experienced no slight difficulty in securing members to serve upon it. Several changes in

its membership have occurred, and at present there are several vacancies, but the Committee is now in excellent working order. Commencing this autumn, weekly meetings of Friendly Visitors have been held. The Committee feels much pleased at the interest exhibited by these Visitors in their work; and while the number of such Visitors has been smaller than the Committee wished, yet the services of enough persons in this capacity have been secured to handle all the cases requiring such help. The Committee believes that no district case should be given out to Friendly Visitors, until such cases have been thoroughly examined by the District Agent. In other words, Friendly Visitors should not be employed to *investigate* cases.

The position of the District Office—close to Broadway—is felt to be a very desirable one, and it seems to the Committee more important to have the office easy of access for those who wish to consult with the District Agent, than to have it in the midst of the poor among whom the Agent labors.

The members of the Committee feel that they have already succeeded in rendering valuable assistance in numerous cases; but they also feel that their work is only just beginning, for comparatively little had been accomplished in this District, until the office was re-opened last October.

F. N. GODDARD, *Chairman*.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During March, 40 cases have been treated, 12 being new, 10 others were directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 22, regular work was secured for 2, temporary work for 5, 1 was made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 50 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses, and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, or laborers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 666.—A few months since, a daily paper sent a letter reporting a mother and son in deep distress. On one of the coldest days of the winter, we found the young man sick, lying on the remnants of a bed upon the floor, beside a fireless stove, and his old mother shivering near him. There was not a particle of food in the house. Every thing of value had been sold or pawned. They had not begged, and did not know where to go; but seemed dazed and helpless, a picture of the most abject misery. Fire and food were immediately obtained for them. Investigation at his place of business proved that he bore a good reputation, but was dismissed nearly four months ago for lack of work, and would be employed again in about a month. A physician's care was secured at once from a neighboring dispensary. Their landlord was cheerfully patient for the rent, and the co-operation of two societies was secured to provide the necessities of life for the intervening time. As promised, the son was employed again within the month, which supplied their needs, and now their prospects are steadily improving. Their return to former comfort must be slow (for, as the mother expresses it, "We were nearly in Calvary when you found us"), but they hopefully live in the anticipation of it.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During March this Committee treated 19 cases, and directed 12 others to the proper source of help. Regular work was procured for 6, temporary work for 4; 2 families were broken up to save the children, and 2 frauds were suppressed. Advice has been given in 35 consultation cases.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 184.—Last January our attention was called to the case of a respectable, industrious Italian family. The father, a young man in the prime of life, was very ill of pneumonia, and for weeks was unable to earn anything towards the support of his wife and four young children. A dispensary doctor was attending, and brought the man through his severe illness. The Italian Society was appealed to, but with its slender resources and numerous applicants, it could not help them adequately. Being threatened with ejection, a month's rent was procured from a relief society. Having now recovered, suitable work was sought for him both by the Committee and by himself, but without avail. One bitter day he walked to 155th street for a rumored job, missed it, and walked back again, his ears being frost-bitten. Their babe of fourteen months then fell against the stove and was badly burned. Again dispensary aid was secured, and private persons were interested in the case, who paid another month's rent. Finally, by perseverance, work was procured for the man at \$9 a week, and the eldest girl, 14 years old, who had earned 75 cts. to \$1 a week in a tobacco factory, was placed in a respectable store at \$2, with a prospect of speedy increase. Now the family are thoroughly on their feet, and are once more independent and happy.

### THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 347 East 18th street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of March, 26 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 10 were new, and 18 were interrogated and directed. relief was procured for 8, work secured for 11, and 5 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 10 families and 8 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 28 consultation cases.

Work is wanted for watchmen, porters, and laborers, etc.; also for women to do washing, ironing, and plain sewing.

We also have a young couple with two children, anxious for a place in the country; both willing to make themselves generally useful.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 654.—Was referred to the Committee by two daily papers, to each of which an appeal had been sent by a friend of the destitute family. The reporter of one paper was anxious to publish a sensational appeal, but was shown by our Agent that it would be demoralizing not only to the family in question, but to their needy neighbors, and that it was unnecessary, as we would do all that was required. The family comprised father, mother, and four small children. The man had been injured while at work and was in the hospital. Having re-



ceived but moderate wages, little money was laid by, and this being soon exhausted, the necessity for aid arose. Friends were appealed to at this juncture, but instead of assisting, as they could easily have done, they sought to shift the burden upon others; and one of their number, selected for his ability as a scribe, wrote to the papers with the foregoing result, which of course they did not anticipate. We investigated the case and found it not only destitute, but very deserving. Prompt and adequate relief in food and fuel was secured from a co-operative relief society. Their rent had to be met, and their friends, forced to see the need of personal aid, co-operated with us by giving part of the amount, the balance having been secured from a benevolent friend of the Committee. We continued to look after the case and secured aid promptly as the need for it existed, until the man had recovered sufficiently from his injuries to go to work again. He is now honestly supporting his family and trying to lay up something for the next "rainy day."

### THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROB'T. W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

76 cases have been cared for during March, 44 of which were new, and 134 others have been directed. 7 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 32, permanent work was secured for 16, occasional work for 57, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, 9 were emigrated for their own benefit, 1 fraud was exposed, and 46 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists, and janitors, also for house-cleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers, and seamstresses.

ANNUAL REPORT (for the nine months ending January 1st, 1886).—The usual statistics indicate the extent and general character of the Committee's work during that portion of the year 1885 covered by this report. Special comment on them seems unnecessary. The work has been done on the same general lines, with some improvements of system and with constantly increasing confidence in the methods and aims of the Society. Our present system of District work is as follows:—Entry is made in a blotter or day book, under date of each day, of all business done at the District Office, of whatever character it may be. Every new case in the District is entered on a G card, *after* inquiry at the Central Office as to previous registration and after personal investigation by the Agent. All new cases are considered by the Sub-Committee on Relief, which meets on Mondays, and during the winter months on Fridays also, and are either retained by this Sub-Committee or referred by them to the Gentlemen's Sub-Committee on Visitation, which meets in the evening of the same day; or to the Ladies' Sub-Committee, which meets the following morning, according as they seem to require temporary action or continued care, and as that action or case seems to come most wisely from gentlemen or ladies. The meetings of these committees follow so closely that there is no delay between committees. Should these cases at any time require special action appropriate to the Executive Committee or Committee on Co-operation, they are transferred accordingly by the sub-committee in charge of them. All G cards thus pass first to the Sub-Committee on Relief, and are either held by them or transferred to other sub-committees. Each sub-committee enters directly on the cards whatever transpires in each case. The cards thus form the minutes of the sub-committees, and the double work of transcribing from minutes to cards is avoided, while greater accuracy of entry on the card is secured. Each sub-committee keeps its own cards separately, so long as the cases are under its control. If a case is referred from one sub-committee to another, the card is transferred accordingly; and when the case is closed, the card is taken from the sub-committee's file and placed in the general file of closed cases. Each sub-committee goes over all its cards at every meeting, thus having every case before it brought up for report and any needed action. The Executive and Co-operation Committees attend to general matters within their respective spheres, and deal with cases only under special circumstances. All work is done through sub-committees. The District Committee meets monthly or bi-monthly, as may be necessary; receives reports from the sub-committees, and acts on any general matters which the sub-committees desire to submit to it.

We deem it proper to mention the following subjects for the consideration of the Council and District Committees. *First*, Is not an auxiliary Ladies' Committee essential for the proper conduct of work in every District, which shall bear the same relation to the district committee as any other sub-committee, and shall either meet with or be represented at the meetings of the District Committee, as often as may be necessary for unity of action? Necessity has developed such a committee in our District, which has been in constant and successful operation for the past three years. It is quite as essential to our scheme of work as any other sub-committee, and furnishes the only means of dealing with certain kinds of cases. We think that provision should be made for the existence and organization of such a committee in every district, and that those already organized should be officially recognized in common with other members of District Committees in the annual reports. *Second*, Could not more be done for the rich in bringing them in closer contact with the poor and their needs? Our duty is quite as much toward those who should give as towards those who should receive, and that duty toward the possible givers can be best performed by putting on them the obligations of thinking and doing for the needy. The conditions of our city life seem unfavorable to full development of the scheme of friendly visitation, but could not the same interest be measurably kept up by a large committee of conference of the charitably-disposed in each district, which should meet occasionally, and at least once a year, to consider such definite charitable subjects as might be selected by a competent committee. We are aware that this plan is not new, and that it has been tried more than once in the past without much success, but we question whether our Society and the cause of organized charity has not now gained so strong a footing in the community as to make that possible now which might have been impossible before?

ROBERT W. DEFOREST, *Chairman*.

### THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 47 cases taken up during March, 35 being new; also 9 families, and 23 homeless persons directed, 4 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 9, permanent work was secured for 6, temporary work for 3, 3 were made self-supporting, 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 3 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; janitors, office boys (very bright); 5 good women for day work, laundresses, 5 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse well recommended.

**ANNUAL REPORT.**—The most encouraging part of our past year's experience has been the marked increase in the number of cases sent to us by societies and individuals for investigation; thereby showing an increased confidence in the work of this Society, and also enabling us to ferret out and expose the fraudulent cases, and, on the other hand, to plead the cause of the deserving poor.

Many of these cases have been sent by the daily newspapers, and as proof of the importance of having these appeals investigated before publishing we have only to offer the statement that a large majority of the cases sent were proved to be thoroughly unworthy of charitable recognition. Then we have had the "dispensary cases," more than two-thirds of which proved either fully able to pay for treatment, or were found to be false addresses.

Some few weeks ago, we sent out a large number of circulars to the well-to-do residents of the district, calling their attention to the fact that we have upon our books the names of a number of deserving poor, for whom we are anxious to procure day's work, and requesting them to send to us when requiring such work done. The responses to these circulars have been most encouraging, and we have in this way been enabled to materially aid our out-of-work cases and, what is still more important, have brought the better class of residents into direct contact with the poor of the district.

Our weak point is still the lack of earnest workers, "Friendly Visitors," to follow up and watch over the numerous cases which are constantly coming or being sent to me. Most of these are "chronic cases," the most difficult of any to deal with.

It often requires years of patient endeavor to eradicate the evil done by a long period of indiscriminate almsgiving, and to again place such a family on an independent footing; but, when once accomplished, the result fully compensates for any amount of discouragement and trial. Will not some of our friends volunteer to take charge of just one such family for us?

JAMES FELLOWS, *Chairman.*

### THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During March, 199 cases were directed to the proper help, 178 of which were new. Relief was procured for 16, 4 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 32, and 44 cases were investigated by request but not taken in charge. 95 consultative cases were also considered.

### WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The fifth meeting of this body, which is an outgrowth of this Society and the State Charities Aid Association, was held at 21 University place, March 29th, at 11 o'clock, Mrs. C. R. Lowell presiding. About one hundred ladies were present. Madam E. L. Demorest read a paper on "LOW WAGES AND OVERWORK," and gave instances showing how impossible it was for many people to live respectably on the wages received. She named many dry-goods houses that kept open until after 10 P.M. during the holiday season, and who gave their hands insufficient time for meals. Many of the proprietors claimed they had a perfect right to detain their employees without extra compensation, as they close their stores during the summer half a day each week; but Mme. Demorest affirmed that, as soon as the holiday season is over, great numbers of the saleswomen are discharged, and very few of those thus overworked receive the benefits of the summer holiday.

Dr. Anne S. Daniel read a paper on the evils attending WAGE WORK DONE IN TENEMENT HOUSES, showing how people with large families of children can work for so much less than those who work alone, and thus wages are reduced below a living rate. She also told how sickness was transmitted, and instanced cases where scarlet fever had broken out in "middle-men's houses" and been carried to the families of those who drew the work from them. She thought that there should be "Protective leagues" among sewing-women to keep up the prices to at least living wages, and that the work should not be done at home. If the women really needed the work, they would go out for it; and the children should be

placed in day nurseries where they would receive better care than the busy mother can otherwise give.

Mrs. Ferrer spoke of the injustice done to women in the different shops, and stated prices paid for many different articles.

The several papers elicited deep interest, and copies were requested for publication.

Miss Grace H. Dodge spoke of the exhibition of the Industrial Education Association, which has shown how far ahead many other cities are of New York in the training of the hand and the eye, and pleaded for an education which should familiarize children with such callings as they are compelled to follow in life and by which they must gain their livelihood.

Mrs. Betts, of the *Christian Union*, thought if every lady present would pledge herself to buy ready-made clothing only at those places where equitable and fair wages were made, a great good might result to the poor.

These conferences are held upon the fourth Monday of each month during the winter, at 11 A.M., and all charitable workers are cordially invited to them.

### KINDLING WOOD.

Subscribers will give material assistance to a good charity by ordering a supply of kindling wood from the New York Labor Bureau Association, William Yardley, Superintendent, Cor. Ave. B and 19th street. \$4.00 for a full quarter-cord. \$7.50 for a half-cord. \$14.50 for a cord.

No more laborers will be employed at the Wood-Yard this season, but the stock on hand must be sold.

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### PROTECTION TO MEMBERS.

In further pursuance of the Society's efforts to guard its members from the annoyance of professional mendicants, in addition to the name plates for affixing to the doors of private houses, the Council has had prepared for business offices a sign, six by nine inches, neatly framed, lettered as follows :

This office subscribes  
to the  
**CHARITY  
ORGANIZATION  
SOCIETY,**  
to whom it refers all  
applicants for relief.

Full directions are on the back of each frame, and attached is a box holding tickets, which may be given to every applicant, insuring careful attention to every person presenting one of them at any of the Society's offices.

The dissembler who shuns investigation as he or she shuns honest work, will be likely to avoid the offices where these signs are hung and where applicants are invariably referred to the Society. A few of these signs, experimentally prepared, have been received with so much satisfaction by those of our members who have adopted them that the Council is preparing to supply all that may be ordered ; and that the cost of so many may not be a heavy burden upon our treasury, the price for them has been fixed at the nominal cost of twenty-five cents each. The signs may be seen in the offices of Messrs. Vermilye & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., J. Kennedy Tod & Co., Morton, Bliss & Co., Stewart Browns' Sons, Sawyer Wallace & Co., Wm. and John D. Rockefeller, J. A. Bostwick, John Taylor Johnston, Herring & Co., Tiffany & Co., W. & J. Sloane, Park & Tilford, Lord & Taylor, Stern Brothers, and many others.

**Back Numbers of the Bulletin** may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The stated meeting of the Council was held Tuesday, May 11th, at 4:30 P.M. In the absence of the President, Mr. Chas. E. Merrill presided, and 16 members were present.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts since last meeting of \$2,431, disbursements of \$2,483.32, and a balance remaining of \$4,667.90. Among the contributors were four Episcopal Churches, and two of the co-operating societies.

The Organizing Secretary presented his monthly report, showing the usual seasonable reduction in the work of the several departments of the Society. An order for \$2,387.40 for the Society's expenses during the next fiscal month was authorized, to provide for his estimates which had been duly approved by the proper Committees. He reported that he had co-operated with the officers of other societies during the month, to prevent the passage of a bill through the State Legislature to permit Michael Kane to re-establish his manure dumps upon the East River, to the detriment of the health of thousands of the poor whose homes are in that part of the city. He had also appeared before the Board of Health in concert with the officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, to protest against the granting to the notorious Wm. H. Ramsar of a license to receive children to board in his "Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home."

The Society has been consulted in 33 instances during the month, concerning the standing of societies, real and pretended, canvassing for contributions. Of these, favorable replies could be returned in only 13 cases, and unfavorable in 20 ; in 5 cases, the societies had no actual existence, and the solicitors were mere swindlers.

The need of a Day Nursery on the west side, between 14th and Houston streets, and also of a seaside resort where exhausted mothers and feeble children can go *by the day* for purposes of recuperation was presented, and both matters were referred to the Committee on Co-operation for such action as may seem wise.

The Ladies' French Benevolent Society of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul in West 23d street was added during the month to the Society's co-operating constituents, making the present number 225.

The Committee on District Work, through Mrs. Chas. R. Lowell, reported the work of the District Committees for the month, the details of which will be found on the second page. They also recommended an appropriation

to provide for an extra agent to assist the District Agents during times of unusual pressure of work; and urged that, as a general rule, applicants not having a residence in New York City should be turned over to the Supt. of Out-door Poor, and not taken up by the Society for anything except investigation and advice.

The Committee on Mendicancy reported the work of the Out-door Officer during April, the particulars of which will be found elsewhere in the BULLETIN.

The Finance Committee, through Mr. Geo. Alex. Brown, chairman, reported that \$5,000 was still needed to provide for the Society's expenses through the summer and autumn, and urged the utmost activity of members to assist in securing the requisite sum during the present month, inasmuch as the season is so near at hand when, usually, all contributions cease.

"TEN REASONS WHY ANY REPUTABLE CHARITABLE SOCIETY SHOULD NOT CO-OPERATE WITH THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, OR ITS 'OTHER-SELF'—EQUALLY DEPRAVED—THE NEW YORK COMMISSION OF THE STATE BOARD OF CHARITIES."

We are frequently asked why we do not take notice of an anonymous sheet, bearing the above title, which is industriously circulated among our contributors and members. It is put forth by the manager of the N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society, whose misdoings have been frequently exposed in the public papers, and have been severely condemned by the State Board of Charities.

We have judged that the public would recognize, without our suggestion, the fact that literature of the kind in question is not apt to be issued in behalf of a good cause; and that the paper would fail to affect those who note its language and temper. Truth never requires the aid of abusive language, the utterer of which becomes ridiculous and contemptible.

### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received.. 1731	Referred for investigation. 234
Total families registered. 76,000	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out.. 915	on file..... 115,691

#### The District Committees' Report.

Cases considered..... 394	Procured relief for..... 111
Directed to the proper charity..... 345	Aided by loans..... 10
False addresses..... 61	Secured work for..... 186
Worthy continuous relief.. 26	Made self-supporting..... 70
" temporary " .. 100	Emigrated..... 12
Needing work instead of relief..... 198	Families broken up..... 2
Unworthy of relief..... 60	Frauds exposed or suppressed..... 25
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc..... 26	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. . . 158
	Friendly Visitors on duty.. 153

### STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 99 cases.

#### CLASSIFIED AS :

11 Dispensary cases.  
4 Begging letter-writers.  
28 Sidewalk beggars.  
25 House-to-house beggars.  
25 Tramps.  
6 Miscellaneous.

#### THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

18 Helpless through infirmity.\*  
66 or 68% per cent able-bodied.  
13 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

RESULTS:—24 warned, directed, and counselled, and 45 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

#### RESIDING:

51 In cheap lodging-houses.  
25 In their own homes.  
13 Gave false addresses.  
2 Station-house lodgers, etc.  
2 Refused address.

#### HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED.

2 Needy and worthy.\*  
5 Had ample means.  
24 Shiftless and idle.  
49 Dissolute and vicious.

### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to :

Bleecker Mission, by J. B. Laval.	Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Children's Lunches.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Currier's Benevolent and Protective Association.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."	N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.
1st N. Y. Volunteers Benevolent Association.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.	Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Independent Workingmen's Benevolent Association.	Reading Room for Workmen of the various R.R. Co.'s.
Institute for Children, Sisters Harget & Beatrice, North N. Y.	Reform Charity Union.
Institute, indefinite character, pretended Sisters, 9 Livingston Place.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.	Tenement Household Aid Ass.
Legal Aid Society.	Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.	
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.	

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Angelo, Mary	Montigny, Theodore
Boyd, James	Murphy, Annie
Dickson, Ellen	Quinn, Ellen
Gilligan, Catharine	Salomon, Max
Grant, James	Samuels, George and Ann
McGrath, Eliza	Shields, Miss
Matthews, Elizabeth	Voight, Paul

#### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Bier, Mrs. Mary	Meyers, Ann
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Morton, W. M.
Britton, Mary	Nicholson, John
Butel, A. F. H.	Powers, Ann
Butler, Robt.	Pratt, Jane
Clarke, Ida	Sheridan, Mattie
Hamilton, Johnston	Smith, Edward G.
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Eugenia
Harris, Ann	Smith, Mary Ida
Howard, George	Solomon, Henry
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Stewart, George
Hutchinson, George	Tapson, Maria
Jennings, Susan, of S. Carolina	Taylor, alias Wilson, I.
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Kiely, Ann Lee	White, Richard
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	Williams, Mary Ann
Lyman, Kate	Wilson, Jane

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workingmen. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are mutual benefit societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers.

A Parisian street beggar is said to have compiled and printed a directory of philanthropists and soft-hearted persons to whom it is worth while to apply for alms, and the police are trying to suppress the book. Similar fragmentary lists are kept by many of the professional mendicants and begging letter-writers of New York.

Contributions in April, 1886.

Anonymous (thro' F. H. Weeks).....	\$25 00	Manson, Thos. L., Jr.....	\$10 00
Anonymous (thro' "N.Y. Sun").....	5 00	Marquand, J. P.....	10 00
Arnold, Mrs. F. R.....	5 00	Marsh, Chas. M.....	5 00
Asiel, Elias.....	10 00	Miller, John.....	5 00
Bacon, Francis.....	10 00	Moir, James.....	5 00
Barney, Chas. T.....	10 00	Moore, V. Mumford.....	10 00
Beach, Capt. W. C., U.S.A.....	10 00	Morris, Dr. S. F.....	10 00
Beekman, Mrs. Wm. F.....	5 00	McKeever, J. Lawrence.....	5 00
Benjamin, E. M.....	10 00	McLean, John S.....	10 00
Betts, C. Wyllys.....	10 00	N. Y. Diet-Kitchen Ass'n.....	100 00
Blagden, Mrs. S. P.....	15 00	Ogden, C. E.....	10 00
Bolles, Alfred P.....	10 00	Olyphant, Robert.....	10 00
Boorman, The Misses.....	20 00	Openhym & Sons, Wm.....	5 00
Bostwick, J. A.....	250 00	Palmer, Fred. Temple.....	50 00
Brown, Mrs. Jno. Crosby.....	10 00	Parish, Daniel, Jr.....	10 00
Bryce, Miss Edith.....	10 00	Parish, Henry.....	10 00
Bullard, Mrs. Wm. M.....	10 00	Parish, Mrs. Henry, Jr.....	10 00
Carnegie, Andrew.....	100 00	Patterson, Mrs. A. W.....	5 00
Calvary Church.....	10 00	Penfold, Wm. Hall.....	25 00
Christern, F. W.....	5 00	Perlee, E. N.....	5 00
Conkling, Miss Laura R.....	5 00	Perry, Mrs. B. J.....	10 00
Cothale, Alex. I.....	25 00	Pesyer, Frederick M.....	10 00
Crittenton, Chas. N.....	10 00	Pullman, Mrs. W. A.....	10 00
Crooks, R. Fleming.....	10 00	Pursen, Mrs. Geo. H.....	5 00
Cross, Mrs. R. J.....	10 00	Rainford, Rev. W. S.....	25 00
Currier, Nathaniel.....	10 00	Reid, Mrs. Whitelaw.....	25 00
Davies, Julien T.....	10 00	Rhoads, Lyman.....	5 00
Davies, Wm. G.....	10 00	Robbins, Geo. A.....	10 00
Dalafeld, Richard.....	10 00	Roberts, Mrs. M. O.....	10 00
Denny, John T.....	50 00	Rogers, Noah C.....	10 00
De Rham, Miss Julia A.....	10 00	Roosevelt, Frank.....	10 00
Donaldson, R. M.....	10 00	Roosevelt, H. L.....	10 00
Dutton, E. P.....	10 00	Sage, Chas. H.....	1 00
Eldridge, Miss Alice B.....	10 00	Schumacker, C.....	10 00
Emmett, T. A., M. D.....	5 00	Scriven, John H.....	10 00
Eno, Henry C., M. D.....	10 00	Sloane, W. D.....	50 00
Fairchild, Mrs. Charles S.....	10 00	Smith, E. Reuel.....	10 00
Fairchild, Charles S.....	10 00	Smith, W. L. & A. L.....	20 00
Farragut, Miss G. M.....	5 00	Smith, Dr. A. H.....	5 00
Ferguson, Miss.....	25 00	Smith, Mrs. Alfred H.....	5 00
Ferguson, Edward.....	25 00	Soc. for Relief of Poor Widows.....	25 00
Field, Robt. M.....	5 00	Spackman, Wm. M.....	5 00
Flint, Charles R.....	25 00	Stern, Joseph.....	5 00
French, Francis O.....	10 00	Stern Brothers.....	25 00
Gibert, Mrs. J. T.....	5 00	Sturgis, S. B.....	25 00
Gilford, Thos. B.....	5 00	Thomas, Dr. T. G.....	10 00
Gould, Mrs. J.....	10 00	Thurber, Francis B.....	10 00
Greenough, Mrs. John.....	10 00	Townsend, John P.....	5 00
Greenough, John.....	10 00	Tuck, Henry, M. D.....	10 00
Hart, Rev. A. B., D. D.....	100 00	Vanderbilt, F. W.....	500 00
Herrman, Henry.....	10 00	Vanderbilt, Geo. W.....	250 00
Higgins, Cecil Campbell.....	10 00	Vanderbilt, Wm. K.....	200 00
Hoguet, Robert J.....	10 00	Van Winkle, E. B.....	10 00
Howell, Mrs. R. S.....	5 00	Wade, Robert.....	10 00
Hoe, Mrs. Robert, Jr.....	10 00	Watjen, Toel & Co.....	5 00
Holden, Daniel J.....	10 00	Webb, Dr. W. S.....	10 00
Hüpfel, Jno. C. G.....	10 00	Wendell, Mrs. Susan H.....	5 00
Ives, Wm. Jay.....	5 00	Whiting, F. H. N.....	5 00
Jackson, Wm. H.....	10 00	Whitlock, Bache McE.....	10 00
Kellogg, L. Ladin.....	10 00	Williams, Rev. T. C.....	10 00
Kohn, Theo. A.....	10 00	Wilmerding, L. K.....	10 00
Langdon, Mrs. Woodbury.....	100 00	Wing, Chas. T.....	100 00
Lansing, Mrs. A. B.....	5 00	Witherbee, Mrs. John.....	5 00
Lindley, John.....	10 00	Witherbee, Miss Florence.....	5 00
Livingston, Mrs. H. T.....	10 00	Wolfe, John.....	5 00
Lusk, Matilda M.....	10 00	Young, Mrs. C. L.....	5 00
Maillard, Henry.....	10 00	Zabriskie, Andrew C.....	10 00
		Zion Aid Ass'n (P. E.).....	10 00

CORRECTION.

Cutting, W. Bayard, in March contributions, should read \$250 instead of \$50.

"I rely on the Society for a great deal of assistance, and am most anxious to work entirely with it. I feel that it is doing a very great work and one that the city cannot do without."—*Secretary of Society Employment and Relief of Poor Women.*

"We may, however, feel reasonably sure, with the ever-ready and very efficient help of the Charity Organization Society, that only the deserving, however poor, receive, for any length of time, the benefits of our Charity."—*13th Annual Report of the New York Diet Kitchen Association.*

The following sums of money have been contributed from April 1st to December 31st, 1885, through the

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY

for the relief of SPECIFIC CASES, by Societies and individuals specially interested therein. This does not include a vastly larger amount contributed directly by Societies and individuals, in cases when, upon the solicitation of this Society, they acted as their own almoners; a relation which the Society always endeavors to create.

THROUGH THE CENTRAL OFFICE.

Anonymous.....	\$20 00	Langdon, Mrs. Woodbury.....	\$45 00
Ass'n Improving Condition of the Poor.....	10 00	Llewellyn, John T. D. (Wales).....	24 35
Astor, John Jacob.....	20 00	Paton, Mary Alice.....	5 00
Astor, Mrs. John Jacob.....	15 00	Potter, Rt. Rev. Henry C., D.D.....	5 00
Astor, Mrs. Wm. W.....	35 00	C. D.D.....	5 00
Cincinnati C. O. S.....	6 29	Prahl, Miss E. A.....	100 00
DuBois, Cornelius.....	10 00	Robb, Mrs. J. Hampden.....	20 00
H—, Mrs.....	52 00	S—, J.....	25 00
Howe, Wm. P.....	40 00	Schleffelin, H. M.....	2 00
Jacobs, Julius.....	5 00	Vanderbilt, Mrs. Wm. H.....	40 00
Jones, Mrs. M. M.....	10 00	Williams, Mrs.....	1 00

THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

American Female Guardian Society.....	\$5 00	Girard, Mrs. Jas. W.....	\$10 00
Annunciation Ch. of Rev. W. J. Seabury.....	50 00	Halsted, Miss L. P.....	25 00
Anonymous (4th Dist.).....	5 00	Holy Trinity Ch. (P. E.).....	2 00
" (10th Dist.).....	158 00	Kalt, Mrs. C. H.....	3 00
" (14th Dist.).....	2 00	Kane, Miss S. B.....	30 00
Ass'n for Improving Condition of the Poor.....	80 00	Kendall, Mrs. J. W.....	5 00
Billings, Mrs. J.....	10 00	Mendelsohn, The Masters.....	2 00
Brown, Rev. T. M.....	5 00	Morris, Mrs. James.....	5 00
"Cash" (through Mrs. C.).....	10 00	Motley, Mrs. T. M.....	5 00
" (through Miss D.).....	30 00	McDonald, John.....	5 00
" C. A. A.....	20 00	McKinnon, Mrs. Mary.....	5 00
" R. C. C.....	5 00	Potter, Rt. Rev. Henry C.....	5 00
City Mission (P. E.).....	5 00	Rapallo, Mrs. Edw. S.....	10 00
Children's Aid Society.....	10 00	R. G., Mr.....	10 00
Cook, Mrs. Catherine E.....	10 00	R. G., Mrs.....	20 00
Cooper, Miss Julia.....	7 00	Sisters of the Stranger.....	15 00
Cornell, Miss Edith.....	10 00	Skidmore, Mrs. W. B.....	5 00
Crimmins, John D.....	20 00	Slade, Mrs. G. P.....	5 00
Cutting, W. Bayard.....	10 00	Smith, Rev. Borden.....	10 00
Dougherty, Rev. J. J.....	5 00	Stirling, Mrs. A. J. A.....	13 00
Duggin, Mrs. Chas.....	10 00	St. Andrew's Society.....	5 00
Field, Mrs. Cyrus W.....	25 00	St. George's.....	20 00
"Friend A" (4th Dist.).....	5 00	Thomas, Mrs. H. T.....	7 00
" " (11th Dist.).....	3 00	Thompson, Mrs.....	3 00
" " ( " ).....	5 00	Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. H.....	20 00
" " (12th Dist.).....	2 00	Vandyke, Rev. H. J., D. D.....	5 00
" " ".....	10 00	Webb, Mrs. W. Seward.....	150 00
" " ".....	5 00	White, Mrs. C. A.....	2 00
" " ".....	15 00	" " Fanny.....	8 00
" " ".....	2 00	Whitlock, Mr. B. McE. (through).....	30 00
" " (14th Dist.).....	10 00	Willets, Mrs. W. H.....	10 00
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.....	10 00	Williams, Miss.....	5 00
		Worrell, Rev. J. M., D.D.....	5 00

**A Librarian.**—We are anxious to find employment for a lady of refinement and education, who has had considerable experience in the indexing and care of private libraries. She is worthy of every confidence, and needs the employment.

**Literary Work.**—A lady who has been employed in the literary departments of different magazines is anxious to secure permanent employment. She is a good French scholar, and has excellent references. Being partially deaf, it is difficult for her to secure employment, but she is a woman of sterling character, and, in the line of her past experience, her services would be valuable.

**Housekeeper or Matron.**—A superior person for the position named may be reached by applying to the Society,



# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of April, this Committee has treated 66 cases, 45 being new; it has also directed 7 others. It has procured relief for 44, secured permanent work for 9, and occasional work for 11, and 9 have thus been made self-supporting. 30 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 720.**—A father and three children, 13, 15 and 17, in apparent destitution and sickness, were referred to the Society. The mother died about a year ago, and the father had consumption. He was a man of fair education, and had served two years in the War of the Rebellion, in which he had been wounded. He had lost his discharge, and could find no trace of the surgeon of his regiment, so that he could not secure a pension. While still able to go around, he had been an insurance agent, but now, being confined to his bed, his son of 15 years made his collections for him, earning only enough to provide food for the family. The girl of 17 acted the part of mother and nurse. The attending clergyman was very kind, and furnished little delicacies for the sick man; and the Society's Visitor tried, by her presence, to carry cheer to the sick room as best she could. A few days after our first investigation, the report came from the doctor that the man was dead, and among his effects was found enough money to defray his funeral expenses. The Post of the G. A. R. to which he belonged buried him, however, and after all the little debts incurred during the sickness were paid, there was very little left. The father's brother took the children to his home. We secured a position for the oldest girl in a dressmaking establishment, and another for the boy in a store at fair wages, which will be raised as he makes himself more useful. For the little girl of 13, we found a home with a kind lady, who took a special interest in the orphan, and has proved a friend indeed. All this oversight and work has involved much time and labor on the part of the Committee and Agent, but the results seem to be permanent and satisfactory.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 55 applications during April, of whom 8 were carefully directed to proper help, 4 gave false addresses, and 43 were taken in charge. Of these latter, temporary relief was procured for 1, employment was found for 4, and 1 was aided by a loan. 9 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Work-people sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District. A worthy couple will take charge of a house for the summer or take charge of flats permanently.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—Early this winter a young German couple was brought to our notice, the man in consumption, unable for the past year to work at his trade, the woman striving by day's work to support herself and sick husband. We found them very neat and clean, and investigation proved them worthy. The committee procured a physician who pronounced the man past hospital treatment, and he could only be made comfortable for a short time, at the best. A lady was then interested who provided all nourishing food and delicacies needed, and other friends of the Committee assisted financially. A Pastor speaking their own language was found, who visited the man, and comforted him until the end came. The funeral expenses were paid almost entirely by voluntary contributions from their neighbors, a lady whom we had interested making up the deficiency; a month's rent was also paid for the widow, and she is going to start to work again for herself, after a short rest, without a debt to hamper her.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, OSCAR E. SCHMIDT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

23 cases were treated by this Committee in April, of which 8 were new, 9 others were directed; relief was procured for 8, temporary work for 24, 17 were rendered self-supporting, 15 were adequately helped by development of their own resources and 2 frauds were exposed, 10 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 82 consultation cases were considered.

Work wanted for nurses, house-cleaners, laundresses, etc. Several reliable persons for caring for houses for the summer. Residents of the District needing help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply at this office.

**District Office Work.**—It is often asked wherein the District work differs from the work of the Central Office, and what are the special duties of the District Agent. It is thought that the following extracts from the Agent's Daily Diary for April 28th, 29th, and 30th, will give the best answer to these inquiries.

28th. Investigated E—case. Finding it an urgent one, wrote to Mrs. S—, who referred the family to us, asking her to look after their needs for a few days, until something in way of employment for man should be secured. Further investigated D—case. Wrote to Brooklyn Bureau of Charities concerning same. Miss F— called for advice in treating a private case. Visited Exchange for Woman's Work for information as to what work some of our applicants could most easily dispose of. Mrs. H— called at office in state of intoxication and was handed over to police. Dr. K—, of Committee, called to consult and advise concerning the day's work. Wrote up records, filled and sent "D" blanks to Central Office for any information lodged there concerning R—cases. Answered several correspondents.

29th. Investigated F— case. Gave man general advice as to securing work. Investigated R— case for Mrs. B—. Found serious impediment to our aiding to secure employment, as man is epileptic. Mrs. B— agrees to pay advertising fee and Employment Bureau fee for him. Investigated cases of W— and L— for Mt. Sinai Hospital. Both false addresses. G— case referred by Y. W. C. A. through Central Office. Find family have been under care of Society No. 50. Wrote to same for information. Sent postals to F—, G—, and E— to present themselves to-morrow for work, secured through Dr.—, which will last for a week or two. Wrote up records. Consulted with several applicants. Answered correspondents, and other details of office work. Mr. L—, of Committee, called to advise and consult concerning work of the day.

30th. Mr. G— called for information. Dr. M— consulted in regard to Mrs. D—. Gave considerable information concerning same. Sent G— and F— to Dr. M— for the promised work. Sent R—, later. Mrs. S— called for last address of her husband, who has been traced to Boston, but there lost track of. Has written weeks ago, but receiving no answer will write again. G— case further investigated. So far proves most deserving. Mrs. M—'s sister secures position at D— Nursery through our influence. Mr. H— secures promise of employer to give Mrs. M— better paying work. Mrs. W— agrees to advance \$3.50, the sum Mrs. M— earns in one week, providing she (Mrs. M.) will use that time in hunting up better paying work. Answered correspondents, sent "D" blanks and reports to Central Office, wrote up records and completed other office work. Mr. H—, of Committee, came to consult and advise with Agent concerning the work.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated during April, 18 cases, and directed 23 others. Of the 18, 1 was found worthy of continuous relief, 4 of temporary relief, 12 needing work rather than relief, and 1 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation; 1 fraud was exposed. Relief was procured for 4, permanent work for 2, temporary work for 5, and advice has been given in 8 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 5 men and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing, or scrubbing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A family was reported to us some months since, and by us found to be in great need. There were four young children, and the father had been out of work for almost a year. Although the mother had toiled early and late far beyond her strength, being delicate, she could only earn a limited amount of food, while the rent was increasingly in arrears. A "Friendly Visitor" took the case in charge, visiting the family from week to week, encouraging the mother, supplying her with such strengthening food as her weak condition required. In the mean while the man obtained work, and friends were interested in the family. Through their kindness, Christmas was made an especially bright day in that poverty-stricken home. In January another child was born, clothing was procured for it, and with this additional help the mother's thrift and industry made their scanty resources equal to their needs; and she now says she does not need any more help. As she expresses it, "My husband has work, I can help myself, my boy must soon go to work; but what would we have done this winter if it had not been for your Society?"

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During April, 49 cases have been treated, 17 being new, relief was procured for 16, 2 have been aided by loans, regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 4, 4 were made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 90 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses, and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, or laborers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 720.—Early in March, our attention was called by a leading daily paper to the case of two young sisters, who were in want under peculiarly distressing circumstances. They had been comfortably off, but their father lost all his property a few years ago. When brought to our notice, the older sister had been ill for some time with pneumonia. The younger one was earning \$4.50 per week, which was their only dependence; and they were much behind in their rent. In verifying their statements, we learned they had a brother, who is a merchant in this city in good business and credit. An appeal was made by one of the Committee to the brother, who responded to it by sending his sisters the sum of \$2. As the girls were about to be dispossessed, it became necessary to secure the payment of their rent. The brother was again communicated with and the facts placed before him, with the inquiry whether he believed them to be worthy of help by charitably disposed persons, as the Committee would be glad to have his written assurance on that point.

A reply was speedily received from him that his sister's needs were solely due to sickness, which prevented her earning money, and that "he considered her to be in every way worthy of charitable consideration." He did nothing and offered nothing. Of course, there was no legal claim upon him. The relief thus refused by the brother was cheerfully given by strangers, and the sisters made comfortable until returning health enables them to care for themselves.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During April this Committee treated 23 cases, and directed 8 others to the proper source of help. Regular work was procured for 7, temporary work for 6; and 1 fraud was suppressed. Advice has been given in 30 consultation cases.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We want work for 15 wash and scrub women, 1 stock or shipping clerk, 3 janitors with families, 1 without.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—A respectable elderly woman applied in her distress to us. She had lived out as a house servant for eighteen years of her early life, and then married an elderly man who had two grown up sons. These were idle, and lived on the father, more or less, and she had a hard time managing for them all. At the husband's death, which was sudden, she found herself thrown on her own resources again. Her references were lost or destroyed; the people she had worked for were scattered and gone. Applying at several intelligence offices, all of whom gladly took her money, she found they could procure her no steady work for lack of reliable references. Thoroughly discouraged, she commenced to sell and pawn the few things the sons had left her, until she was reduced to the most extreme poverty. On carefully looking into the matter we learned that the husband had been a Free Mason, and that the expenses of his funeral had been borne by his Lodge. Further investigation proved the woman's story to be entirely correct. The Committee appealed to the Lodge still further, and procured from it assistance to recover from pawn some of the most necessary articles of clothing, etc. A good place at good wages was then procured, and the hitherto disheartened woman went to work with renewed courage and the hope of being once more independent and happy. Thus through the friendly negotiations of the Society, this poor woman has been permanently provided for.

### THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 347 East 18th street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of April, 32 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 15 were new, 3 were placed in hospitals, relief was procured for 9, 1 aided by a loan, work secured for 14, and 7 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 12 families and 10 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 21 consultation cases.

Work is wanted for watchmen, porters, laborers, etc.; also for women to do washing, ironing, and plain sewing. We also have a young couple with two children, anxious for a place in the country; both willing to make themselves generally useful.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 566.**—A personal application for assistance came from a man with a wife, and a child 3 years of age. They had recently arrived from Ireland, and were without money, friends, or employment. The man was broken in health, had no trade, and was unfitted for any regular occupation. His wife, however, was in good health, and able to do her share toward the family's support. Our Agent examined their references, and found them to be trustworthy people, deserving aid and encouragement. Suitable relief for the time being was procured from an appropriate relief-giving society, and before its repetition was needed, work was secured among a number of wealthy families in the District for the man, caring for their yards, sidewalks, etc. The work took up but a portion of his time, and the income from it was not sufficient to support the family. Employment at washing, cleaning, etc., was found for the woman, and when both were employed, the child was placed in a Day Nursery convenient to their home. In this way both were able to earn, and received more than sufficient to support the family in comfort. For nearly a year now they have been able to care for themselves, and seem to be doing better and better each month that passes.

### THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROBT. W. DFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

69 cases have been cared for during April, 17 of which were new, and 103 others have been directed. 16 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 16, permanent work was secured for 20, occasional work for 67, 30 were thus rendered self-supporting, 4 were emigrated for their own benefit, 2 families were removed to better surroundings, 2 frauds were exposed, and 36 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists, and janitors, also day's work for house-cleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers, and seamstresses.

### THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 56 cases taken up during April, 48 being new; also 10 families, and 17 homeless persons directed, relief was procured for 9, permanent work was secured for 5, temporary work for 7, 4 were made self-supporting, 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 11 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 4 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; 1 trustworthy man (Swiss) capable of filling a responsible position; janitors, office boys (very bright); 9 good women for day work, laundresses, 3 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, and 1 nurse well recommended.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,202.**—Is that of three orphan children whose mother had been insured in an Industrial Insurance Company; and, although about four weeks had elapsed since her death, the company had not yet paid the amount due upon her policy. The children were very poor, dependent upon the small weekly earnings of the two older ones for their support, and had been relying upon the insurance money for the payment of the undertaker's bill. A gentleman hearing of the case, and fearing that the money was being unjustly withheld, referred the matter to us. A legal member of the Committee at once offered to take up the case. When called upon to explain, the officers of the Company made some trivial excuse for the delay; and when they found that the law was being brought to bear upon them, promptly promised that the money would be paid as soon as some slight preliminaries were gone through with. These having been complied with, the gentlemen who had so kindly interested himself in the case had the satisfaction of seeing the full amount of money due them paid over to the children, who were thus enabled to cancel the debt which had been weighing so heavily upon them. In this case "not alms, but a friend" has relieved them. The Committee has this family still under its care.

## THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 21 University Place.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During April, 155 cases were directed to the proper help, 128 of which were new. Relief was procured for 13, 3 were placed in institutions, 2 were aided by loans, permanent and temporary work was secured for 4, and 45 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 106 consultative cases were also considered.

## STREET BECCARS.

No. 338.—A woman, 47 years of age, married to an educated but intemperate man, had two children. She adopted begging as a calling, and had been arrested several times. After the first commitment to the Island, at the request of a sister and on her own promise that she would beg no more, her discharge was procured. Her sister took her and her husband to Brooklyn, where work was found for the husband, and the children properly cared for. It was then hoped that the family would do well. The husband, however, lost his work, and the woman found her way back to New York. She was expensively dressed, but while begging was re-arrested and committed by Justice Smith for six months to the City Prison.

Failing to get her discharge in the usual way, she sent to her mother who was living in the country to apply for her release; but the mother, after consulting with the Society and having her daughter's hopeless case explained to her, admitted reluctantly that it would be best to let the woman remain in prison. The mother was advised to take the grandchildren from the worthless father, which she did. The woman served out her full term, but immediately returning to her old practices, was again arrested, and is now serving another term. All of this might have been avoided if well disposed persons could be induced to withhold alms upon the street.

## BECCING LETTER-WRITERS.

We have already given some samples of begging letters received by members of this Society and referred to us for investigation. We subjoin one from a man who makes a very comfortable living by his appeals. He has admitted that his income from these letters has been large, and we have good grounds for estimating it at \$3,000 a year. The testimony is that he is an adroit "deceiver and hypocrite. His ability in letter-writing is unrivalled."

BROOKLYN, April 26th, '86.

MY DEAR SIR :—I send you a circular of Lt. Greeley's "Three Years of Arctic Service," a superb work. I have sold over sixty sets of it, and my customers are of the highest class. I have not been out since 1877, and we are wholly dependent upon what I can earn in this way. Our struggle is a hard one, greatly intensified by our triple affliction (the third within less than *eleven months*). I also send a circular of Roosevelt's new and brilliant book, "Hunting Trips of a Ranchman," but \$3.50. I will thank you cordially for any order you may send. It will be a *real* kindness. Please use the inclosed stamped envelope for reply, and oblige,

Sincerely yours,

I have been a communicant of the Church thirty-eight years. We are fellow-churchmen, I know.

## WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The Woman's Conference held its last meeting for the season April 26th, Mrs. C. R. Lowell, presiding. A paper on "Suggestions as to Preventive Work" was read by Miss Grace H. Dodge. Miss R. F. Morse explained the work of the "Mother's Unions," and hoped for great results from these, as the mothers will be taught how to do this preventive work themselves. A paper by Miss Virginia Potter, entitled, "The Girl's Friendly Societies," gave some interesting statistics concerning the work of these Societies. Miss Rosalie Butler, president of the Sub-Committee on Visitation of the State Charities Aid Association, made an earnest appeal for Visitors at the public institutions under the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. Mrs. Lowell seconded this appeal, and spoke of the fourteen thousand people "sick and in prison" in the different institutions; and she also made an appeal for Visitors for the District Committees of the Charity Organization Society. The meeting then adjourned. It is hoped to resume these meetings in the fall, and ladies have been asked to send in suggestions as to the conduct of them, and also as to topics to be taken up.

## SOCIETY NAME PLATES.

Our suggestion, imported from Europe, of door-plates bearing the name of the Society to be affixed to the houses of members, as a protection from the annoyance of professional beggars, is meeting with a very fair response. Enough orders have been received to justify the manufacture of the plates, and several orders have already been filled, and the plates may be seen affixed to the doors of some of our first citizens. We hope to receive further requests for them, being persuaded that those who adopt them, and give to applicants only the Society's tickets, will be speedily rid of the sturdy mendicants who make merchandise of the kindly impulses of private households. With each plate we shall supply a neat ticket-holder, to be hung within and convenient to the door.

These plates are of the best quality of silver plate,  $1\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ , enamelled sunk letters, affixed without injury to the door, and may be put either on the front or area door. In Europe they are generally put upon the front door. No. 1 reads: No. 2 reads.

MEMBER  
CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY. C. O. S.

The plates cost but 50cts. each, affixed to the doors.

## MONTHLY BULLETIN CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

### OUR NEEDS.

As will be seen by the report of our Finance Committee, the Society, notwithstanding a present balance in the bank, needs \$5,000 more for its support, until next autumn shall bring about the renewals of regular contributions. The Society feels justified in asking for this additional sum for many reasons.

It has demonstrated by its annual reports a very great saving effected through its instrumentality to the whole charitable community and system of the city. We can, by only skimming the surface of our operations, show a saving to the public of at least a million of dollars annually effected by our work; a saving in which every relief society, every church, and every benevolent individual may, if desired, participate. The gain is absolute, and is theirs; the cost of achieving it falls upon us. Three per cent of this gain will fully maintain the Society.

But a present consideration is that the summer work of the Society is of the greatest importance, because then not only are so many usual sources of relief for cases of emergency cut off, and consequently heavier burden is thrown upon us; but then also can our best work be done in bringing to bear those sanitary, provident, moral, and elevating influences which may be made potent for the permanent welfare of the poor. For these and many other reasons, the Council views with pain and discouragement any curtailment of its summer work, and appeals to the members of the Society to remember its needs when providing for their own summer enjoyments, and to enable it to maintain its usefulness uninterrupted and unembarrassed until the end of the autumn.

### WORK WAITING FOR WORKERS.

The *Christian Union* has referred to the Society the following letter, which was written by a minister of high standing in his own community. It opens a practical opportunity for some of the overworked and underpaid women of New York to better their condition, and we will be glad to assist in the emigration. It is, however, a sad fact that it is rare to find among the class in question, the nerve and energy to take any decided step; as most of them prefer to live in the city in noisome quarters, and upon starvation wages, rather than submit to the restraints of hired service and the isolations of country life.

HANFORD, TULARE CO., CAL., March 16th, 1886.

*Editors of Christian Union.*

DEAR SIRS:—In a recent article appearing in your paper of March 7th, the writer has touched the hearts of the pious women of our county by portraying the destitution of the working women of New York. I write you to get further information. The title of the article referred to was *Woman's Wages*. Would these women be willing to come to California as domestics in farmers' families? Could they fill such places? The wages they would get would be from ten to twenty-five dollars per month with board. They would be socially better surrounded than any person filling similar positions in the East. Will be taken into the families, and on this account more care will be necessary about their moral character.

If a limited number of them would be willing to come, their expenses would be paid, and they allowed to repay from their wages here.

The Chinese are, or will be discharged from such service as these women could render, and there will be no

one to fill their places, unless it can be done from some such a source as this.

Can you help us and the helpless women of your city.

Yours, etc.,

N. W. MOTHERAL.

Pastor of Cumberland Pres. Ch. at Hanford, Cal.

### KNOWLEDGE NEEDED.

We see by the papers that the class in Social Science in Cornell University recently made a visit to the Elmira Reformatory, under the guidance of Prof. F. B. Sanborn, of Massachusetts, one of the University lecturers. Similar visits were to be made to penal institutions in other cities, to make practical studies of prison management. In the discussions now going on regarding courses of study in colleges, it is greatly to be desired that prominence be given to the subject of social science, including, of course, the administration of charity. Whatever calling the young man is to pursue, whether he is to be a professional or business man, he will have the poor with him, and he should clearly understand the philosophy of aid to the suffering and destitute. His studies on this topic he will have occasion to use all his life. The science of charity and neighborly aid should be taught, not only in our colleges and theological seminaries, but also in Young Men's Christian Associations, Sunday-schools, and all other organizations for instruction and training. No study is more important than the question, in what way can the best aid be extended to the unfortunate? And, furthermore, men and women in active life should "read up" on these questions of social science, so as to be better prepared to discharge their duties as citizens and neighbors. Information and thought are needed, so that one generation shall not repeat the blunders and mistakes of the preceding ones, but shall bring about a better state of affairs. It is evident from the experiences of this very hour, that, unless this and succeeding generations become wiser in dealing with the laboring and dependent classes, the lesson may have to be learned at the cost of much blood and treasure.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

**Additional Members.**—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

**Special Emergencies** often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this city, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

"Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, . . . and have not CHARITY, it profiteth me nothing."—*St. Paul.*



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**CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, June 15th, 1886.**

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**FINANCIAL.**

We have received not quite one-half of the \$5,000 for which our Finance Committee appealed in our May BULLETIN. The balance is greatly needed to carry us through the summer. We earnestly trust that those who appreciate the indispensable character of our work will not suffer us to be seriously embarrassed for lack of so small a sum. If each sincere friend of this Society will secure for us, before July 1st, one annual member, our wants will be fully supplied. As we said in our last Annual Report, "ten minutes' advocacy will often do it." And, in so doing, the new member will, if on charitable deeds intent, be benefited quite as much as, if not more than, the Society. Kindly try it. Annual membership, \$10. Life membership, \$100.

**FALSE COLORS.**

Our members are cautioned against making contributions to persons who are dressed in the garb of the religious orders of the Catholic Church unless they show Arch-Diocesan authority to solicit such gifts.

It has come to the knowledge of the Society that the dress of these orders has been assumed, of late, by professional impostors. The Society is also informed that even regular members of the Orders in question are positively forbidden to solicit in the Arch-Diocese of New York, without express permission first had and obtained from the Arch-Episcopal authorities, and that these should have with them their credentials, without which they should not be patronized.

This notice is given with the approval of the proper Catholic authority.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The regular June meeting of the Council was held on the 8th inst. at 4 P.M., the President in the chair, and 13 members present.

The Treasurer reported receipts of \$1,060.00 (including contributions from two Episcopal Churches). Disbursements of \$2,520.00, and balance of \$3,207.33 on hand. The estimates for the next fiscal month, amounting to \$2,183.30, were approved.

The Organizing Secretary presented his monthly report. The new members during the month numbered

22, making a total of 407 since Jan. 1st. This increase of individual members shows the growth of the Society in an important direction. 690 private individuals have referred cases for investigation, information, or care during the present year. The reduction in registration continues, as most of the societies and churches have suspended or reduced their benevolent operations until autumn. The details of registration will be found in another column. A Bureau of Legal Aid has been initiated, and has the gratuitous services of two legal gentlemen to protect the poor under the Society's care.

Mr. Alfred Roosevelt resigned his place upon the Council on account of pressure of other duties.

A fine crayon portrait of our late President, Dr. Vanderpoel, was presented by his widow to the Society.

The Council joined in the early closing movement, by directing the Central Office to close at 1 P.M. on Saturdays during July, August, and September.

The Organizing Secretary was appointed delegate from the Society to the National Conference of Charities and Correction at St. Paul, July 15th, and the President was authorized to appoint at his discretion any additional delegates from members of the Council or Society.

The passage of the Municipal Lodging-house Bill was approved, and the Committee on Mendicancy instructed to co-operate with the State Charities Aid Association, and others interested, in extending to the Commissioners of Charities and Correction all such co-operation as may be found legitimate and acceptable in initiating this needed reform.

The usual reports were made by Committees on District Work and Mendicancy, of the work of District Committees and Out-door Officer; these details appear elsewhere. On recommendation of the former Committee, it was resolved to take steps to establish a new district on the east side of Broadway, south of Houston street, and volunteers were called for from existing District Committees to form a Committee for that district.

The following gentlemen, who had given much valuable personal service to the Society during its earliest years, were unanimously elected Honorary Vice-Presidents, viz. :—

MESSRS. MARK BLUMENTHAL, M.D., ANSON PHELPS STOKES, ROBT. B. MINTURN, HENRY E. PELLEW, J. HAMPDEN ROBB, R. DUNCAN HARRIS, HOWARD POTTER, JOSEPH THORON, HENRY RICE, and LUCIUS TUCKERMAN.

## NEXT NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

This conference occurs at St. Paul, Minn., from the 15th to the 21st of July, inclusive. We hope that any members of the District Committees, of the Council or Society who may be travelling westward at that time, and can attend any of the sessions of the Conference, will make an earnest effort to do so, previously notifying the President or Organizing Secretary in order to take credentials with them. The importance of this Conference and of participating in it increases every year. It is the only opportunity for all Charity-Organization workers to meet together from all parts of the land, and to compare failures and successes, and gather help and information therefrom. The advantages of such gatherings are many and great, and those who have attended previous Conferences feel that it is worth much to any person to be present, and to any Society to be represented. The coming session will be held in a section of the country where the States are specially earnest and advanced in all questions of charitable and educational reform, and promises to be large and enthusiastic. Special prominence has of late years been given to the organization of charities in cities, and active preparations to this end, for the coming session, have been in progress for several weeks past. The issues involved are of the highest importance in every community; and the largest cities, and especially the chief city of the country, are looked to as most necessary factors in the study of the solution.

## JUNE STATISTICS.

### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	2366	Total Number of Reports	
No. of Reports sent out..	558	on file.....	118,057
Referred for investigation.	174		

### The District Committees' Report.

Cases considered.....	670	Procured relief for.....	72
Directed to the proper charity.....	296	Aided by loans.....	3
False addresses.....	31	Secured work for.....	264
Worthy continuous relief..	29	Made self-supporting.....	64
" temporary .....	68	Emigrated.....	11
Needing work instead of relief.....	205	Families broken up.....	1
Unworthy of relief.....	43	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	15
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	33	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. . .	123
		Friendly Visitors on duty..	149

## STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 83 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS :	RESIDING :
5 Begging letter-writers.	28 In cheap lodging-houses.
18 Sidewalk beggars.	27 In their own homes.
16 House-to-house beggars.	6 Gave false addresses.
21 Tramps.	18 Station-house lodgers, etc.
23 Miscellaneous.	2 Refused address.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
28 Helpless through infirmity.*	5 Needy and worthy.*
46 or 55 per cent able-bodied.	12 Had ample means.
8 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.	21 Shiftless and idle.
	36 Dissolute and vicious.
RESULTS:—47 warned, directed, and counselled, and 34 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.	
*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that distances to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.	

## CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to :

Bleecker Mission, by J. B. Laval.  
 Blydenberg, Mrs.  
 Children's Lunches.  
 Christ's Home for Fallen Women.  
 Currier's Benevolent and Protective Association.  
 Dr. John W. Kennion's "Christ's Cleft Mission."  
 1st N. Y. Volunteers' Benevolent Association.  
 Free Dispensary of N. Y.  
 Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., run by Mrs. A. Ford.\*  
 Hibernian Union Club.  
 Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.  
 Independent Workingmen's Benevolent Association.  
 Institute for Children, Sisters Harget & Beatrice.  
 Institute, indefinite character, pretended Sisters, 9 Livingston Place.  
 Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.  
 Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.  
 Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.  
 Legal Aid Society.  
 Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.  
 Minerva Home for Cash Girls.  
 Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.  
 Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."  
 N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.  
 N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.  
 N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.  
 N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.  
 Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramsar.  
 Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.  
 Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.  
 Reading Room for Workingmen of the various R. R. Co.'s.  
 Reform Charity Union.  
 Society of Holy Innocents.  
 St. Stephen's Guild.  
 St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.  
 Tenement Household Aid Ass.  
 Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workingmen. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers.

\* Mrs. A. Ford, a shabby-genteel woman of 45 to 50, medium height, sandy hair, visits houses usually in the evening, seeking to sell artificial flowers, etc., to raise money for a "Helping Hand," of which she is manager, and for which she needs a few dollars for some emergency. The "Helping Hand" is a myth, and we are satisfied that the woman is an impostor.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Angelo, Mary  
 Boyd, James  
 Buck, D. Espey.  
 Cleary, alias Kunz, alias Coons,  
 Maggie  
 Coons, alias Cleary, alias Kunz,  
 Maggie  
 Dickson, Ellen  
 Gilligan, Catharine  
 Grady, Katie  
 Grant, James  
 Kunz, alias Coons, alias Cleary,  
 Maggie  
 McGrath, Eliza  
 Matthews, Elizabeth  
 Miller, Henry  
 Montigny, Theodore  
 Mulligan, Patrick and Kate  
 Murphy, Annie  
 Quinn, Ellen  
 Salomon, Max  
 Samuels, George and Ann  
 Shields, Miss  
 Voight, Paul  
 Watson, Dr., Oregon sufferer.  
 Wilkin, Walter George

### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.  
 Bier, Mrs. Mary  
 Borrebach, Adrian and Ida  
 Britton, Mary  
 Butel, A. F. H.  
 Butler, Robt.  
 Clarke, Ida  
 Dunning, Mrs. Elizabeth M.  
 Hamilton, Johnston  
 Harding or Harvey, Mary R.  
 Harris, Ann  
 Howard, George  
 Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)  
 Hutchinson, George  
 Jennings, Susan, of S. Carolina  
 Johnson, Mrs. H. D.  
 Kiely, Ann Lee  
 King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite  
 Lyman, Kate  
 Lyon, Cornelia A.  
 Meyers, Ann  
 Morton, W. M.  
 Nicholson, John  
 Powers, Ann  
 Pratt, Jane  
 Sheridan, Mattie  
 Smith, Edward G.  
 Smith, Eugenia  
 Smith, Mary Ida  
 Solomon, Henry  
 Stewart, George  
 Tapson, Maria  
 Taylor, alias Wilson, I.  
 Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.  
 Weston, Celeste  
 White, Richard  
 Williams, Mary Ann  
 Wilson, Jane

**Contributions in May, 1886.**

Allen, Calvin H. ....	\$20 00	Milhau, Dr. J. J. ....	\$10 00
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Barlow, Mrs. Jeanette. ....	5 00	McIlvain, David H. ....	10 00
Beaman, C. C., Jr. ....	10 00	McKibbin, Mrs. G. H. ....	5 00
Betts, Fred'k H. ....	25 00	Osborn, Mrs. Wm. H. ....	10 00
Bloomington Bros. ....	10 00	Osballo, Edward S. ....	5 00
Bond, Miss Kate. ....	10 00	Penwick, James. ....	10 00
Brookfield, Wm. ....	10 00	Rice, Mrs. Henry. ....	25 00
Brooks, Miss Sophia. ....	5 00	Richards, Mr. & Mrs. G. ....	50 00
Cannon, Le Grand B. ....	5 00	Roosevelt, Miss Anna S. ....	5 00
"Cash." ....	5 00	Romaine, B. F. ....	10 00
Cauldwell, Mrs. C. B. ....	5 00	Sayre, Dr. Lewis A. ....	5 00
Church of the Holy Com- munion. ....	50 00	Sayre, P. E. Church "S. J. A." ....	15 00 20 00
Church, Wm. C. ....	5 00	Schultz, Nicholas. ....	10 00
Corlies, Mrs. B. F. ....	5 00	Sellow, T. G. ....	25 00
Cornell, Isaac B. ....	10 00	Seaman, Mrs. C. A. ....	5 00
Coster, Chas. H. ....	10 00	Smith, Walker B. ....	10 00
Colgate, Jas. B. ....	25 00	Stickney, Joseph. ....	100 00
Dale, Henry. ....	10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lisenard. ....	10 00
Eads, Jas. B. ....	10 00	Stewart, Lisenard. ....	10 00
Farragut, Loyall. ....	10 00	Stamford Manuf'g Co. ....	10 00
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Gibson, Mrs. L. P. ....	5 00	Sweetser, Mrs. Geo. D. ....	5 00
Guernsey, Dr. W. N. ....	5 00	Taintor, G. E. ....	10 00
Hackett, Carhart & Co. ....	5 00	Taber, Henry M. ....	10 00
Hoffman, Rev. Dr. C. F. ....	10 00	Treadwell, Mrs. W. F. ....	10 00
Hubbard, Thos. H. ....	25 00	Tuckerman, Walter C. ....	10 00
Irving, John T. ....	5 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius. ....	100 00
Kirby, Miss Cornelia T. ....	10 00	Watrous, Mrs. Chas. ....	10 00
Koch, Hon. Jos. ....	10 00	Warren, Dr. John S. ....	10 00
Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D. ....	25 00	Waller, Mrs. Martha. ....	5 00
Livingston, Mrs. R. E. ....	5 00	Waring, Mrs. Wm. E. ....	5 00
Loomis, Dr. A. L. ....	10 00	Warner, Peter R. ....	5 00
Lorillard, Mrs. Pierre. ....	10 00	Watrous, W. W. ....	5 00
Maurice, John R. ....	25 00	Whitridge, Wm. F. ....	5 00
Mansfield, Howard. ....	20 00	Winterton, A. J. ....	5 00
"M. R. H." ....	5 00	Wilson, Washington. ....	10 00
Minturn, Mrs. A. M. ....	5 00	Wright, B. ....	5 00

Permit me to express my obligation to your Organization for its invaluable aid to our efforts on behalf of the poor. The City Mission pastors should surely regard your work as a most important help to them.

Truly yours,

CHAS. H. BURR,

*Pastor Bethany Church (Congregational).*

"Permit me to express my appreciation of the excellent work which the Society has accomplished, as well as of the admirable system which seems to prevail."

W. BAYARD CUTTING.

**MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSES.**

All of our members who have considered the problems involved, will be glad to learn that the Governor has signed the bill authorizing the establishment of the above named substitutes for the barbarous, noxious, and degrading lodgings in our station-houses, which are now the only resource of the poor wretches whom drink and ill-advised "charity" have combined to render homeless.

There will now be an opportunity to test the value of the more humane methods which, under the name of "Wayfarers' Lodges," have proved so successful in Boston and Philadelphia. Under this system, tramps have been greatly reduced in numbers in Boston. Previous to 1879, an average of over six hundred persons were lodged in the station-houses of that city each night. Now, with its increased population, the average is only about sixty; one year falling as low as forty-five. Every lodger is bathed, shampooed, given supper and breakfast, and sleeps in a clean night-shirt, between clean sheets. Moreover, if clad in dirty garments, his clothes are subjected to super-heated steam for two hours while he sleeps, and are given to him cleansed and dried when he

arises. For all this entertainment he pays by sawing and splitting a given quantity of kindling wood, and departs feeling that he has given an equivalent for all he has received, and has not lost, but rather has increased, his self-respect. If an honest seeker for work, the man soon shows it, and he is actively aided to find permanent employment. If a vagabond, he avoids Boston and patronizes the towns where free lodgings are supplied and no questions asked or tests applied, and where the citizens encourage tramping by free meals at their back doors.

The Boston Lodge costs not far from \$10,000 a year, and makes a clear profit of \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year on its sales of wood, thus reducing the net expenses to less than \$6,000 per annum, while station-house lodgings are abandoned.

We invite the careful consideration of our co-operating churches, societies, and members to the following extract:—

**COMBINED EFFORTS IN CHARITY WORK.**

Whenever individuals or societies undertake to minister to the wants of the needy in any particular community, without interchanging information, but by concealing their transactions one from another, they are simply conspiring to increase mendicity in its most despicable forms. With the rapid growth of our population, it becomes the urgent duty of all who are in any way interested in dealing with the dependent to combine together, for their own mutual protection, and as well for that of society at large, against the impositions of those who would practise upon the generosity of their fellow-men. So long as our churches, guilds, societies, benevolent orders, and private individuals insist upon their own separate ways of working; while refusing through mistaken delicacy toward the objects of their benefactions, to make known and compare one with another what they have done, their efforts will prove worse than useless. Better for society that the deserving poor should be left to struggle on in their misery, and that the unworthy be allowed the privilege of starving than that the vicious methods of dealing with the poor as practised in other days should be suffered to continue with all deplorable consequences which are so palpable to every student of social science. What is true in regard to unsystemized charity in any particular locality is also applicable to our cities at large. Until all the cities, towns and communities in this land combine together in mutual and uniform efforts to abate the evils of mendicancy, as they present themselves to us at this time, the most perfect organization in any one or all of them acting independently will fail of success. The workers in this sacred cause of humanity throughout the length and breadth of this broad land must clasp hands and combine in counsel and in purpose, if they would serve their day and generation with acceptance, and fully meet the grave responsibilities which devolve upon them.

REV. E. R. DONEHOO.

Paper read before the Conference of Charities and Correction, Washington, D. C.

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

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## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of May, this Committee has treated 65 cases, 23 being new; it has also directed 5 others. It has procured relief for 15, placed 4 in institutions, secured permanent work for 7, and occasional work for 11, 9 have thus been made self-supporting, and 2 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources. 25 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 612.—Man, wife, and six children. The man had an arm cut off in a saw-mill a little over a year ago; the woman is delicate, but anxious to keep her family together. She procured a little work, but found it was beyond her strength to support and care for all the family. The three eldest boys were placed in an institution. A place as watchman was obtained for the man, who proved himself worthy and efficient, but the job only lasted two months. Something more was needed to sustain the rest of the family. In the early winter, a place for the man was found to take charge of a furnace, etc., in a private family. His work was so well done that he soon had charge of three or four furnaces in the same neighborhood. After the winter, several of the families gave him odd jobs around their houses, because he had proved to be trustworthy and gained their confidence. He now has charge of one of the houses for the summer, while the family is in Europe. The woman found washing to do at home for a few families, so that she can care for the two remaining children, the baby having died in the mean time. Provided with this work, and with very little help from relief societies, this family were tided over in their misfortune by the friendly care and watchfulness of the Society.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 61 applications during May, of whom 9 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 50 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 19, 5 were made self-supporting, and 3 were adequately helped by developing their own resources. 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

Three-fourths of all applicants can be fully relieved if work can be had for them. Housekeepers needing extra help are asked to send to the District Office for it. Work-people sent from the office will all have been investigated and will reside within the District. A worthy couple will take charge of a house for the summer or take charge of flats permanently. A good seamstress with one child wants a situation in the country for the summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A woman with seven children—the youngest born after the departure of the husband and father to his native soil, where he hoped to regain his health, but from which he never returned—was one of our numerous applicants. While the infant was very young she managed in various ways to get relief, but people soon tired of this and she was thrown upon her own resources. She came asking for work, and showed much ability and a desire to help herself. Our efforts in her behalf were successful; we have been surprised at the energy put forth by herself and children.

Two of the children are earning fair wages in stores, two attend school, and the eldest daughter takes care of the house and two little ones, while the woman goes out to day's work, having her time well filled. With the co-operation of her own church, she now seems to be independent and to have entered upon a hopeful future.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

35 cases were treated by this Committee in May, of which 7 were new, 12 others were directed; 4 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 7, temporary work for 24, permanent work for 3, 21 were rendered self-supporting, 17 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 2 frauds were exposed, 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 44 consultation cases were considered.

Work wanted for nurses, house-cleaners, laundresses, etc. Several reliable persons for caring for houses for the summer. Residents of the District needing help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply at this office.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 756.—During the past winter, a piteous appeal for aid was sent to one of our leading papers, with the request that it be inserted in the next issue. The editor turned the matter over to us for investigation, when it was discovered that the writer was a man with an excellent trade, able to earn from \$5 to \$8 per day during the busy season, and for ten months in the year averaging \$4.50 per day.

Notwithstanding this fact, the family—man, wife, and three small children—occupied miserable quarters in a rear tenement, and were in a most destitute condition. When in work the man drank and otherwise squandered his wages, and when work ceased poverty and distress followed. This had been mitigated in former years by a relative of the wife's, now deceased.

These facts were sent to the newspaper, which published the result of the investigation instead of the man's appeal, adding that friends would provide for the wife and children if she would separate herself from her husband.

A copy of this paper fell into the man's hands. He became greatly enraged, and ordered our Friendly Visitor from the house, saying he would show people whether he abused and starved his family, etc., etc.

Two months afterwards, a call was made on the family with many misgivings as to the reception, when to our surprise the wife met us cordially, saying that the best thing that ever happened was the publishing of the account in the paper. The result was that the man found work very soon after, had kept to it steadily, and had not been intoxicated since. Both asked to have the Visitor sent again in order to apologize for the treatment accorded her, and to thank her for her candor and her friendly interest.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during May, 12 cases, and directed 15 others. Of the 12, none were found worthy of continuous relief, 1 of temporary relief, 10 needing work rather than relief, and 1 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 3, permanent work for 2, temporary work for 3, and advice has been given in 12 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 5 men and 9 women, the former of any description, and the latter at washing, ironing, or scrubbing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Among our worthy families is one consisting of a widowed mother and two children, one a daughter of seventeen, the other a little girl ten years of age. The elder of these has been idle the greater part of the winter, as the business at which she was employed was of so unhealthy a character that she was obliged to leave it. She tried repeatedly, but in vain, to obtain employment elsewhere. The mother had steady work, it is true, but as she is by no means strong, they found after the rent was paid that there was little remaining for the other necessities of life. About six weeks since, the little girl became very ill with diphtheritic sore throat. The family was now indeed in great straits. Additional expenses must be incurred, and how they should be met was a problem hard to solve. As this family were of those who never solicit aid, their need was best known to themselves. About this time, through the influence of one of the Committee, the case of the young girl was presented to one of the leading retail business houses in this city, where girls and women are employed as clerks. The result was that a position was at once secured for her as a saleswoman at wages which bring the family income up to an adequate amount. Her success in her new situation and her delight in her work seem to warrant the hope and the conclusion that the improvement in their condition is permanent.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During May, 39 cases have been treated, 9 being new, relief was procured for 18, 4 have been placed in private institutions, regular work was secured for 4, temporary work for 7, 1 was made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 48 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses, and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, or laborers; several good parties to care for houses during the summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 617.—A family of man, wife, and baby, was referred to us for care from a near day nursery. We found that the wife was recently from England, the husband having been here some time longer. Soon after her arrival the husband lost his employment. They came to us penniless and hungry, and the checks for their baggage (still at Castle Garden) had been pledged as security for food. They were provided with temporary lodging, and it required but little persuasion for them both to see that it would be better for the wife to return to her friends in England.

Through societies and friends, money was secured to redeem her checks and send her home on the steamer Republic. The man was placed under the care of the Young Men's Christian Association, and will remain to find employment here.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A poor widow came to us, greatly troubled because she was about to be dispossessed for non-payment of rent. Her husband had been killed three years ago by falling from a roof where he was at work, leaving three little girls, the youngest a few weeks old. Until now she had been able to support them, but the summer exodus of families from the city had deprived her of the work by which she had maintained her family.

Learning that her statements were correct, the co-operation of her church (R. C.) was solicited, and cordially responded to by the payment of her rent. Day's work was found for her by the Committee in two or three families, where she gave satisfaction. The little timely aid and work secured for her proved sufficient to render her again self-supporting, and thus she has been relieved from her great distress. Her tearful thanks and words, "I don't see why strangers are so good to me; I would have been on the street if it had not been for your Society," were ample reward for the care bestowed in her behalf.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. M. E. DUNNE, *Agent*.

During May, this Committee treated 14 cases, and directed 8 others to the proper source of help; 3 were placed in institutions, regular work was procured for 6, temporary work for 4. Advice has been given in 20 consultation cases.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We want work for a very lady-like person as invalid's nurse, 1 housekeeper or matron, 1 thoroughly responsible elderly woman (no encumbrances) to mind a house for the summer, 15 wash and scrub women, 1 stock or shipping clerk, 3 janitors with families, 1 without.



**THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 347 East 18th street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of May, 22 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 10 were new, 6 were placed in hospitals or institutions, relief was procured for 5, work secured for 13, and 7 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 12 families and 8 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 25 consultation cases.

Work is wanted for watchmen, porters, laborers, etc.; also for women to do washing, ironing, and plain sewing. We also have a young couple with two children, anxious for a place in the country; both willing to make themselves generally useful.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 736.—Consisting of man and wife, with three young children, was referred to us by a lady interested in the family because the woman had been for some years a faithful domestic in her father's house. The man was a longshoreman, strong and able, but unfortunately a dissipated fellow, spending his earnings in drink, and neglecting to provide for his family. The woman had at various times made application to her former employer's family for relief, and at first her appeals were not unheeded. Finally it became apparent that providing for the family when the father failed to do so only encouraged and confirmed him in his evil course, and further assistance, while she continued to live with him, was denied. On the day previous to the reference of the case to us she came again and said her husband had gone away to Galveston, she thought, to seek work. He had left no provision for his family, and she wanted work. Her story was doubted somewhat, and the case was referred to us, the family agreeing to provide needed aid if the man was away. Investigating the case, our Agent found that, a few days before, the father had been arrested for stealing, while drunk, the garment of a neighbor, and had been sent to the Island for a month. The woman being ignorant, and ashamed to tell the truth, was to be excused, however. The family was in need, and temporary assistance was procured. She was anxious for work, and sufficient employment by the day was provided for her to occupy her entire time. The children were provided for at the Wayside Day Nursery, receiving excellent care for five cents each day. At the end of the month, she had not only supported her family, but had saved enough to pay a month's rent in another and better house, and was in a position to support herself entirely, if her husband did not reform. He had received a needed lesson, however, and since his discharge has behaved himself, and the family has entered upon a new and upward career.

**THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

ROB'T. W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

60 cases have been cared for during May, 25 of which were new, and 72 others have been directed. 10 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 20, occasional work for 127, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, 9 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 3 were emigrated for their own benefit, 1 fraud was exposed, and 36 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists, and janitors, also day's work for house-cleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers, and seamstresses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 1,350.—A lady, refined and cultivated, but almost destitute and painfully anxious, applied at the office for a loan of \$150 to aid her in a business project. The insanity of her husband, induced by overwork and reverses in business, was the actual cause of the existing distress, and the wife, for the first time, had to turn her attention to some means of supporting herself and paying the expenses of her husband at the asylum where he was under treatment. Without money she was helpless to begin her enterprise, and on application to a friend she was directed to this Committee. Her case was carefully considered, and, becoming convinced of her worthiness and the feasibility of her project, the Committee determined upon the effort to raise the desired amount as the best means of assisting her, and directed the action of the Agent in the matter. As the security which she had to offer was not adequate or tangible, it was decided that it would be proper and judicious to procure the needed amount as a gift. The case was laid before a very few friends of the husband and of the Society, and in less than a week \$180 had been cheerfully contributed and paid to the almost despondent woman through the hands of a personal friend, and she started out immensely relieved, unfettered by debt, and with a strong probability of success in her undertaking. Her gratitude cannot be expressed.

**THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 31 cases taken up during May, 22 being new; also 9 families and 24 homeless persons directed; 11 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 8, 2 were made self-supporting, 1 fraud was suppressed, and advice has been given in 18 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for 4 men without trades, willing to do anything that offers; 1 trustworthy man (Swiss) capable of filling a responsible position; janitors, office boys (very bright); 9 good women for day's work, laundresses, 3 excellent women as seamstresses, 2 to take charge of flats, 1 nurse well recommended, and 2 responsible women to take charge of houses during the summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,205.—Is that of a young English woman—a stranger in the city—whose husband was suddenly stricken down with a tedious illness. Their small savings having become exhausted, admission was gained for him in an hospital, where he still remains. The wife was thus thrown entirely upon her own resources, and things were looking very dark indeed for her when the case was first called to our attention. Having gained the interest of a few ladies of the district, work of various kinds was found for her, and in this way she was supported for a few weeks until she obtained permanent work for herself in a factory. She is now entirely self-sustaining and expresses the deepest gratitude for the "friends in need" whom she found here; she is particularly grateful for the fact that she was helped over her time of greatest need without becoming a recipient of charity.

**THE CENTRAL AGENT.**

Office, 29 East 9th Street.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During May, 161 cases were directed to the proper help, 135 of which were new. Relief was procured for 14, 5 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 3. 5 were emigrated where they could be self-supporting, and 35 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 50 consultative cases were also considered.

**BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.**

As an instance of how little reliance can be placed upon the contents of letters from strangers, we subjoin the following. The writer has been known to us as living chiefly by begging appeals. She is an immoral woman, living at an hotel of low class since she has been in New York. Her record in a Western city is equally bad.

*Mr. ———:*

DEAR SIR:—Pardon me, please, for taking the liberty of writing to you. I am a stranger to you, and have come to you because I am in great distress. I am almost a stranger in New York, although I have lived here over two years. I am entirely alone in the world, have not one living relative that I know of, and though I am only 28 years of age I am a widow and have had a great deal of trouble. I lost all my immediate family, fifteen in number, in two years and nine months. I came to this city hoping to obtain employment and to better my condition. I have failed in procuring steady employment; I had sewing and other hand work to do that I got along with until this past five or six months, but everything seemed to go wrong with me in that time. I have had very little work. I have kept the room where I am living for two years, because most of the work I have had has been in the house. I was ill some time, and I have gotten in debt for my room, and there has not been a week for months that I have not gone two and three days at a time without food. Right in this city, where there is such a plenty, I have gone to bed hungry so many times. I have sold most of my clothing and keepsakes to get along, until I have very little left, and have tried to help myself, oh! so hard, until I have lost all courage. I am not in the habit of asking for help, but I cannot see my way, so I concluded to come and beg you to help me a little. If you will kindly grant me a few moments' interview, I will give you my address and the address of the people I live with, so that you can make inquiries concerning me, and will also show you a letter that I will bring with me, and tell you more fully how I am situated. My father was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and I was always used to plenty when my family were living. I trust you can find it in your heart to help me; I am honest, and perfectly willing to work, but have been very unfortunate. I will take this myself and await your reply, and hope it will be a favorable one. I speak truly when I tell you I have not tasted food for over a day, and have had nothing to eat for a week but bread and tea. You who have plenty cannot imagine what it is to suffer as I have done. I am sorry to trouble you, and hope you will overlook it and not think me too presumptuous, and once more I beg you to please help me. Please see me a few moments, and I will be very grateful.

Yours very respectfully,

**TRUE AND FALSE CHARITY.**

It is certainly true that you do people great harm, be they kings or beggars, when you teach them that in the long run they can eat bread which they have not earned. An authority on this subject said that he could ruin the best-meaning family in Boston by giving them a cord of wood in the wrong way. By mere almsgiving, doling out this or that supply where no industry has earned it, where no sickness or other exception excuses it, you break down character and create pauperism.

This is what a lazy man does when a girl with cold hands and bare feet comes into his office crying, in the winter; and the lazy man gives her half a dollar "in charity." He does it because he does not choose to go to her house nor to spare the time to really help her or her mother. And yet he wants to solace his own conscience. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred he does more harm by his dole than he relieves. But he must not pretend that it is his charity that has worked this injury, it is only his laziness that worked it. He does that girl no good because he sets no agency at work for making her better. If he wants to be charitable he must see that while to-day's hunger is fed, and to-day's cold is warmed, she whom he would help is set on the way to lift herself out of the destitution in which he finds her. If she is drunken, she must be saved from the evils of

drink; if she is ignorant of any art, she must be taught to sweep, to wash, to knit, or to sew. If her house is dirty, she must be taught to keep it clean. If the children's meals are badly cooked, she must be taught to cook them better. You are a false friend to her, if, through the winter, you only keep her along on the ground level, where you found her, just above starvation, and do not lift her to a higher grade, better able to rise above the tide which will sweep up again as certainly as next winter will come.

Clearly enough, such help as this is rendered only by patient, personal care. It is rendered with the watchfulness with which a man guards his own son, if he thinks he is falling into insecure habits. It is rendered by the same sort of friendly, sympathetic oversight with which a good neighbor, in friendly country-life, takes care of the growing boys in a widowed household hard by. It needs, of course, self-sacrifice, for it needs steady unbroken attention to this one thing. At the end of ten years of such care, the brood of children of that widow are self-respecting young men and women taking care of themselves and of her. At the end of ten years of such care, this poor trembling drunkard has become an honest and above-board man, able himself to help other poor fellows as badly off as he was. You have done these people good because you have made them better.

LEND-A-HAND.

**CRIPPLED STREET BEGGARS.**

The Paris correspondent of the London *Daily News* gives the following account, which effectively tells how doles to street beggars offer a premium on cruelty to children :—

A horrible case of child torture was tried on Saturday before the Seine Assize Court. The accused parties were two Spaniards—Gonzales and Vega—whose calling is to speculate on public charity through the instrumentality of mutilated children. The special charge against them was having—with vitriol or some other corrosive fluid—made artificial sores on a boy named Manuel Santon. They were denounced by the landlady of a low lodging-house, named Cabrollier. In the month of May, 1885, Vega, with a woman named Antonia Rodrigues, and several children, the youngest of whom was Santon, came to her premises in a showman's van. They hired of her the right to live in this vehicle in her yard. The children were sent out every day to beg, and often had to stay fourteen hours prowling about the streets. One of them, aged 9, was twisted into a position on a board set on rollers to simulate a cripple. Three grown-up persons held, twisted, and strapped him on the board, which had on it a covered pad. This child became nearly paralyzed, and was often left black and blue from thrashings. The landlady one day, when he was left by himself in bed, took him out of the van, and found that he could walk, although losing the use of his limbs. His owners caught her, and beat the boy mercilessly for having obeyed her in getting out of bed. In the month of June her other tenants were kept awake by the cries of Manuel Santon, but were too much afraid of the Spaniards to go and ask what it was that made him scream. Mme. Cabrollier went. The child said that he had cramps, but she saw that his arm was in a sling and bound up. Watching her opportunity, she was able suddenly to examine the member, and found on it a horrible wound like a cancer of great size. She wept from pity. The young Manuel then told her that last year his leg was burned in the same way at Montauban, and that a little leprous girl, dressed as a boy, who had been similarly treated, was abandoned there. The youthful victim was examined as a witness, but was in such fear of his torturers that he hardly dared to tell how they operated upon him. He said that at Marseilles he was burned on one instep, which left his foot a mass of putrefaction, both by Vega and Gonzales. The two also burned his leg at Montauban. He had been at both places strapped to a board on rollers and sent as a cripple to beg. In the Paris lodging-house Gonzales alone operated on the arm, but Vega was close by and knew what was being done. Naturally, the torturers said they were innocent, and that Manuel strapped himself to the board on rollers, he preferring mendicancy to being apprenticed to a sweep. However plausible this might be, the jury did not believe that the child from the same motive vitriolized himself, and so found Vega and Gonzales guilty. They were condemned to two years' penal servitude.—*Monthly Register*.

**GUSHING CHARITY.**

We are glad to believe that this metropolis is comparatively free from the sentimental class of societies, delineated in the following from a recent number of the *London Truth*. Soup houses, free breakfasts, and similar pauper-making enterprises are, however, still to be found in many Northern cities, to the great embarrassment of all who labor to promote wiser and better methods of charity. It is hoped they may never again secure a foot-hold in New York.

**ASSOCIATION FOR GIVING FREE BREAKFASTS TO HABITUAL THIEVES AND DRUNKARDS.**

"This was a really benevolent undertaking. When times were bad with thieves, when the carefulness of householders or the vigilance of the police prevented any chance of burglary, but for this most useful association no one could tell what might have become of the poor burglar. His life, hard enough at the best, it is clear, would have been unendurable, and it is fearful to think of the dreadful expedients to which his destitution and misery might have forced him to resort. In the last extremity, he might even have had to work. From such a fate this noble institution saved him. And in the same way, through its exertions, the habitual drunkard was enabled to devote, without fear of starvation, his whole cash to purposes of intoxication. What became of his wife and children the association cared as little as he did. It is no wonder, then, that this noble and useful institution attracted the good-will and contributions of many kind-hearted ladies and gentlemen."

**BENEFIT OF THE C. O. S. TO MEDICAL CHARITIES.**

Some of the hospitals and dispensaries have questioned whether it is worth while to make use of this Society in having investigations made. The following, from a manager of one of our leading hospitals, would seem to have an important bearing upon the matter :

"We find the investigations of the Charity Organization Society very satisfactory in this respect—that the investigations are so much more thorough than through the missionary we used to employ, that we really know whether patients can afford to pay anything or not, and consequently can compel them to do so if they refuse. Our list of full-charity patients has decreased one-half in the last two months, and the "part-pay" patients pay twice as much as they did. We find that we were badly taken in in some former cases."

**FORM OF A BEQUEST.**

I bequeath to my Executors the sum of..... Dollars, IN TRUST, to pay over the same in..... after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer to the "CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK," incorporated under Chapter 139, of the laws of 1882 of the State of New York, to be applied to the benevolent uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction.

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## THE COMING SEASON.

After the close of a summer of unusual pressure of duty, we have again fully entered upon our autumnal and winter work, our committees have taken up their burdens anew, and the poor are still with us. We are ready to fulfil all our obligations to the extent to which moral and financial support is given to us. We have demonstrated our ability to do much, through a proper organization of personal, associated, and denominational benevolence, to redeem the debasement and wretchedness of New York. We showed clearly by our last annual report that we had in one year saved to this community \$480,000 in families graduated from the list of dependents, and over \$325,000 by the suppression of street beggars. We may fairly claim to offer the facilities by which an equal amount is or may be saved to families, churches and societies by the avoidance of overlapping and duplication in the use of our registration; while it would require still larger figures to express the gain to the public wealth annually should all administrators of charitable relief unite to avail themselves of the principles and methods of "CHARITY ORGANIZATION."

Are we then presumptuous in asking for an adequate and liberal support? One per cent of the gains we may fairly claim to have made for the community will enable us to perform the duty imposed upon us, and extend our beneficent work to every nook and corner of this metropolis. The unanimous testimony of those who have co-operated with and tested our methods is that we are doing an indispensable work in an efficient and economical manner. May we not have the support asked for, and have it so early in the season that we can make our plans for the coming year without embarrassment?

In this connection, we would call attention to the advertisement of the new edition of the "Directory to the Charitable and Beneficent Societies and Institutions" in our city and of the Handbook, which appears upon another page. Such books scarcely need commendation. They are simply indispensable to any one seriously interested in philanthropic work.

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lessed is he that CONSIDERETH the poor.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

met on the 12th inst., fifteen members being present, with President Weeks in the chair. The Treasurer's report showed disbursements of \$1,815.67 during the past month, \$2,100 due for borrowed money to meet the summer's expenses, and but \$112.61 on hand.

The Organizing Secretary presented a report of the summer's work, the details of which appear under our "Statistics." These details show much increase over the same months a year ago:—viz., 10 per cent more reports received, 33 per cent more cases cared for, 29 per cent more reports sent out, and 62 per cent more special investigations made for members, churches and societies. An excellent committee has been raised and stands ready to take charge of a new District on the East Side below Houston St., as soon as the Society's funds warrant. He reported, as the Council's delegate, concerning the recent National Conference of Charities and Correction at St. Paul, at which 470 delegates were present, 32 representing the Organization of Charities in Cities. The "Charity Organization Section" held five separate sessions besides the portion of the time of the Conference which was allotted to it, and plans were adopted looking to a wider spread of advanced principles and methods in charitable work all over the country. Steps were taken to have, at Buffalo, a Central Registry of itinerant impostors, to prepare a telegraphic code, and to provide a primer and also a terminology of scientific charity. An attractive exhibit was made of forms, devices, furniture, and paraphernalia used by the several Charity Organization Societies.

The Committee on Legal Questions was instructed to look into the expediency of a law requiring Savings Banks to disclose to superintendents of the poor, or officers of any incorporated charitable society, upon written request, the amount, if any, deposited in such banks to the credit of any person receiving relief from the party making the request.

The Committee on Mendicancy reported the large number of street-beggars dealt with during the summer, and the committal of 361 of them to the Island for terms aggregating 1,803 months. The Committee add that, having steadily watched the daily work of this department, they are satisfied of its value in reducing the pauperism of the city, and that its benefits are more apparent to the public at large than those of any other. Every opportunity for reform and fitting relief is extended, but the miserable wretches generally repel all overtures.

The Committee on Co-operation reported the beneficial work of the Sanitary Tent on Bedloe's Island, details of which are in another column.

The Committee on District work made full report of the statistics of the summer's work, and offered a resolution, which was adopted, that the Council offer to make all investigations for all the Relief Societies of the city in the area now covered by the Society. Such offer, if accepted, will save the societies much duplication and waste of labor and expense.

Estimates for \$1,952.07 for the next fiscal month were approved.

The Vice-Presidents of the Society were invited to seats in all the future meetings of the Council.

A Committee was appointed to draft a suitable minute relative to the loss which the Society has sustained in the recent death of Mr. Colles Johnston.

### CONTINUED ATTACK ON THE SOCIETY.

The N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Society is again industriously circulating its "Ten Reasons why any Reputable Charitable Society should not Co-operate" with this Society, and we are again asked to take action against its secretary. The questionable methods of that society and of its chief officer, Rev. D. F. Robertson, have been so often exposed in the public prints that few who care to know the truth about it are ignorant of his character and delinquencies. We prefer to content ourselves by sending a plain statement of the grounds upon which we think it our duty to warn our members and the public against that society. It is in retaliation for that warning that Mr. Robertson makes his attack.

### STATISTICS, JUNE TO SEPT. INC.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received.. 7591	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out.. 1147	on file.....127,788
Referred for investigation. 667	

#### The District Committees Report,

Cases considered..... 2212	Procured relief for..... 278
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans..... 9
charity.....1022	Secured work for..... 432
False addresses..... 104	Made self-supporting..... 145
Worthy continuous relief.. 71	Emigrated..... 43
temporary "..... 254	Families broken up..... 12
Needing work instead of	Frauds exposed or sup-
relief..... 580	pressed..... 54
Unworthy of relief..... 181	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pitals, Churches, etc. . . 438
lums, etc..... 150	Friendly Visitors on duty.. 125

### STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 476 cases.

#### CLASSIFIED AS :

7 Begging letter-writers.  
62 Sidewalk beggars.  
56 House-to-house beggars.  
318 Tramps.  
33 Miscellaneous.

#### RESIDING :

351 In cheap lodging-houses.  
61 In their own homes.  
12 Gave false addresses.  
51 Station-house lodgers, etc.  
1 Refused address.

#### THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

54 Helpless through infirmity.\*  
395 or 82 per cent able-bodied.  
27 Blind or crippled, but able  
to help support themselves.

#### HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

11 Needy and worthy.\*  
13 Had ample means.  
61 Shiftless and idle.  
391 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—99 warned, directed, and counselled, and 361 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Dept. of Charities, so that pitances to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

### OUR FRESH AIR WORK.

The measure of the summer work in this department by our District Agents is shown in the following figures:

1174 children and 1027 adults were sent on one-day excursions;	
389 " " 70 " " to the country or sea-	
side for 1 week each, and	
650 " " 116 adults were sent 2 or more weeks.	

Some of the latter enjoyed the rest and invigoration of the country or seashore for four to six weeks. It will be evident that to provide discriminatingly for this army of 3,426 persons must have kept our Agents well employed, in addition to their stated duties, at a time when the work of so many Charities is suspended.

### CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to :

Bleecker Mission, by J. B. Laval.	Mrs. Mary Kutz's Home
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Currier's Benevolent and Protective Association.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
1st N. Y. Volunteers Benevolent Association.	N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., run by Mrs. A. Ford.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.
Hibernian Union Club.	Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland Co., N. Y.	Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.	Reading Room for Workmen of the various R.R. Cos.
Independent Workingmen's Benevolent Association.	Reform Charity Union.
Institute (various objects), Sisters Harget & Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.	St. Stephen's Guild.
Iron Melters & Helpers' Benevolent Society.	St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.	Tenement Household Aid Ass.
Legal Aid Society.	Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.	
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.	

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workmen. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers.

#### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Barras, Chas. L.	Lyman, Kate
Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Borrebach, Adrian and Ida	Meyers, Ann
Britton, Mary	Morton, W. M.
Butel, A. F. H.	Nicholson, John
Butler, Robt.	Powers, Ann
Clarke, Ida	Pratt, Jane
Dunning, Mrs. Elizabeth M.	Smith, Edward G.
Gilbert, Fannie	Smith, Eugenia
Hamilton, Johnston	Smith, Mary Ida
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Solomon, Henry
Harris, Ann	Stewart, George
Hartley, Mary	Tapson, Maria
Howard, George	Taylor, alias Wilson, I.
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Tompkins, Mrs. E. B.
Hutchinson, George	Weston, Celeste
Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina	White, Richard
Johnson, Mrs. H. D.	Williams, Mary Ann
Kiely, Ann Lee	Wilson, Jane
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Becker, William	McClelland, alias Rowan,
Boyle, Peter and Ellen	Richard and Eliz.
Coles, John	Mitchell, Diana Rose
Davis, James	Price, William
Dirix, Mad. Julia	Richardson, James
Dugan, John	Rowan, see McClelland
Fox, Margaret	Rowe, Lewis and Cath.
Galbrandson, Carl	Seibert, John or Chas.
Gannon, Ellen	Stevenson, Mary
Hamilton, James	Smith, Caroline
Jackson, Wm.	Watkins (lamp-lighter)
Kellar, Catherine	White, Dennis
	Wilson, John

The man who "used to light the street gas-lights in your street;" who wants to "bury a dead wife or child;" who wants to "put his consumptive wife in a hospital, and his children are starving," are all alert again and picking up much money. All give false addresses.



**Contributions, June to Sept. Inc.**

Almy, Frederick.....	\$5 00	Hollender, Fred. & Co....	\$10 00
Anonymous, thro' B. W.	100 00	Hustace, William.....	5 00
Astor, Mrs. J. J.....	50 00	Iverson, D. B.....	100 00
Asiel, Elias.....	10 00	Jarvis, Dr. W. C.....	10 00
Auchincloss, Edgar S.....	10 00	Jardine, D. & J.....	5 00
Auchincloss, Edgar S., Jr.	10 00	Jones, Miss C. O.....	25 00
Auchincloss, Hugh.....	10 00	Jones, Miss F. O.....	25 00
Auchincloss, Sam'l S.....	10 00	Kammerer, Louis.....	5 00
Auchincloss, Chas. C.....	10 00	Lawrence, Taylor & Co....	25 00
Auchincloss, Jas. C.....	10 00	Lewis, August.....	15 00
Barton, O. G.....	10 00	Lehman Bros.....	10 00
Beinecke & Co.....	5 00	Leaycraft, Mrs. Chas. R.	10 00
Belknap, Robt. Lenox.....	10 00	Leland, H. S. & L.....	5 00
Binsse, L. B.....	5 00	Lynch, Thos. J.....	10 00
Bissinger & Co., Philip.....	10 00	Maurer, Henry.....	5 00
Blumenthal, Dr. Mark.....	10 00	Martin & Sons, J. M. C.	25 00
Bliss, Fabyan & Co.....	25 00	Matier, Henry.....	5 00
Blagden, Thos.....	10 00	Milliken, S. M.....	10 00
Bloomington Bros.....	10 00	Montant, Auguste P.....	10 00
Blum, Maurice.....	5 00	Munn, O. D.....	10 00
Brown, Wm. Smith.....	100 00	M—, W. A. & Co.....	5 00
Brown, Geo. Alexander.....	150 00	McKesson, John, Jr.....	25 00
Brühl, D. & M.....	10 00	McLean, John S.....	10 00
Brice, Israel B.....	10 00	Nash, S. P.....	5 00
Bruen, Wm. Livingston.....	100 00	N. Y. Skin and Cancer	
Bunting, Miss E. F.....	5 00	Hospital.....	100 00
Bunker, Mrs. E. M.....	10 00	N—, J. W. T.....	7 00
Carter, James C.....	25 00	Ogden, C. E.....	10 00
Carter, Dr. H. Skelton.....	10 00	Olyphant, F. M.....	10 00
Cash.....	5 00	Ormeiston, T. D.....	5 00
Cash.....	5 00	O—, C.....	10 00
Cash, "H".....	25 00	Parsons, W. H.....	10 00
Century Co.....	10 00	Perkins, Goodwin & Co.	5 00
Churchill, Marl'b'h.....	10 00	Preston, Rt. Rev. T. S.,	
Christie, W. F.....	10 00	D. D.....	10 00
Ch. of the Epiphany (P.		Pupke, John F.....	5 00
E.).....	10 00	Pyle & Sons, James.....	5 00
Claffin, John.....	100 00	Randel, Mrs. Henry.....	5 00
Confort, Chas. H.....	50 00	Rhoades, John Harsen.....	10 00
Coe, Henry E.....	10 00	Rowland, Thos. F.....	25 00
Coe, Mrs. Chas. A.....	10 00	Robinson & Co., John.....	5 00
Cropper, John.....	5 00	Ross & Kearny.....	5 00
Crocker, Miss.....	5 00	Ruppert, Jacob.....	10 00
Curtis, Dr. Edw'd.....	10 00	Russell, F. W.....	5 00
Curtis, Mrs. Chas. B.....	10 00	Sawyer, Wallace & Co.....	100 00
Day, Francis E.....	10 00	Sanger, Adolph L.....	5 00
Deas, Mrs. Z. C.....	10 00	Sarles, Leander H.....	5 00
De La Vergne Ref. Co.....	5 00	Sanger & Wells.....	10 00
Dix, Rev. Morgan, D. D.	25 00	Schirmer, Gustave.....	25 00
Dillaway, G. W.....	5 00	Schoverling, Daly &	
Dickinson, Mrs. F. Z.....	10 00	Gales.....	5 00
Doelger, Peter.....	10 00	Seligman, Jefferson.....	10 00
Douglass, Mrs. A. E.....	10 00	Shriver, Walter.....	25 00
Dun & Co., R. G.....	25 00	Slade, Geo. P.....	10 00
Eaton, Rev. Dr. T. A.....	5 00	Smith, Datus C.....	10 00
Edwards, J. Pierrepont.....	10 00	Stanton, S. F.....	10 00
Ehret, Mrs. Geo.....	5 00	Tapley, Mrs. J. F.....	5 00
Einstein, Hirsch & Co.....	5 00	Thoron, Joseph.....	10 00
Field, Benj. H.....	10 00	Tileston, Mrs. Henry.....	5 00
Giltman, W. S.....	10 00	Tuckerman, Lucius.....	250 00
Gillespie, F. R.....	5 00	Twombly, H. N.....	10 00
Gould, D. H.....	5 00	Twedy & Co.....	10 00
Gregory, Mrs. H. A.....	10 00	Uhlmann, S. & F.....	5 00
Grace (P. E.) Church.....	50 00	United Brass Co.....	5 00
Harris, R. Duncan.....	10 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius.....	300 00
Harris, Mrs. R. D.....	10 00	Van Rensselaer, Killiaen.....	10 00
Hart, James C.....	10 00	Vietor & Achelis.....	5 00
H—, S. J.....	10 00	Wardell, William T.....	25 00
Hawkins' Sons, C. P.....	5 00	Waddington, Geo.....	10 00
Harriott, Mrs. S. C.....	10 00	Welling, W. Brenton.....	10 00
Hewson, John H.....	10 00	Weisse, Dr. F. D.....	10 00
Herrman, A.....	10 00	Wendell, Ten Eyck.....	10 00
Hinrichs, C. F. A.....	10 00	Wisner, Miss Josephine.....	5 00
Hinman, Wm. K.....	5 00	Wood, James.....	10 00
Hiscox, Wm. J.....	5 00	Young, Mason.....	10 00
Horton & Co., H. L.....	100 00	Young, Jas. H.....	5 00

"I beg pardon for not sending sooner my small contribution to the expenses of your Society. I assure you that the delay does not indicate lack of appreciation for your work. No money is paid more cheerfully, or with more confident assurance that it is well spent. I hope to do more for you this year."—REV. GEO. ALEXANDER, D.D.

**THE FUTURE.**

There are many noble men and women in this city who are privately making arrangements that, after their decease, their property shall still go on doing good. To such it might be suggested that, in making a last will and testament, a remembrance of the Charity Organization Society will be a disposition of property in a manner which will be of greatest benefit to our city and the country at large.

**A MUNIFICENT GIFT.**

Our members will rejoice with us in the fact that, during this week, the Society has received a gift of Ten Thousand Dollars from Mrs. Anna Woerishoffer, as a memorial of her late husband, Charles F. Woerishoffer. Not only is the gift a most generous one, but its chief value to the Society lies in the indication it gives that their work, after an experience of four years, continues to command the confidence of one who approved its theory before it had taken practical shape in this city. Mrs. Woerishoffer and her mother, the late Mrs. Oswald Ottendorfer, were the first two life members of this Society, and as both have been well known for years for their discriminating and intelligent discernment in philanthropic work, this benefaction takes on an added worth in coming from one who, as she writes, has "always taken a great interest in the aims of the Society," and has watched its efforts from the beginning.

The Executive Committee recommend that this sum be set aside as the beginning of a permanent endowment, and since it will in that case not be available for current expenses, it is hoped that our members will not get the impression that we need fewer contributions than heretofore. We are seriously restricted in our work now for lack of means to extend our Districts over those parts of the city below Houston Street, where poverty and debasement so fearfully abound.

**THE INCREASE OF TRUE CHARITY.**

"We notice during late years, with hope and joy, the spread of a practical enthusiasm of humanity. Never was there so large a number of highly cultured, loving-hearted people anxious to learn the *best methods*, and willing to devote their time, their thoughts, and their resources to improving the condition of the people. Indeed, we do not hesitate in saying that, if the poor themselves felt a tithe of this enthusiasm, begetting a corresponding purpose to do their part in working out their own personal, domestic, and social elevation, the victory would be half won already. At present, the poor care but little save for the means of meeting their bodily wants and comforts, to which the benevolent public have given only too much attention—or rather too much mere temporary aid. They have not taught the poor their higher, their deeper inward needs, nor shown them how much latent power they possess to work out their own social redemption in co-operation with the efforts of their more patient and thoughtful friends. Until they can be brought to give this co-operation, not passively as mere recipients, but actively as intelligent, moral, and responsible agents, their secular and, we venture to say, their religious redemption will remain unrealized."—*London C. O. Reporter.*

**Special Emergencies** often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this city, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, JOS. D. CREMIN, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, this Committee has treated 90 cases, 78 being new; it has also directed 24 others. It has procured relief for 38, placed 16 in institutions, secured permanent work for 18, and occasional work for 24, 15 have thus been made self-supporting, and 6 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources. 33 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants. Can any one make use of a young man with only one leg, who needs employment? We will give particulars of his case at this office.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 694.—Some time ago a young woman arrived in this city from the West, accompanying a friend whose husband had deserted her at a critical moment, who was coming to relatives in this city. She remained with her friend during her sickness, and as thus her money had become exhausted, she was compelled to earn her own living. But circumstances were against her. She was defective in hearing and eyesight, and had an impediment in her speech. Nobody wanted her as a servant when she told of her defects. She could work, but no one would try her. Her appearance was above her calling and her references were far away. She was a stranger in a large city, yet she preferred to work her way, if possible, rather than receive charity. She managed to eke out bare living for a time, but could save nothing to take her back to her native place. Then news came of the death of her widowed mother, and she was actually needed at home where she could return to a situation she left to come here, and thus help take care of her younger brothers and sisters. Through the co-operation of a relief society a ticket was procured for her to her home in the West. The lady who had formerly employed her immediately took her back in her service, and insisted on the girl writing her thanks for the kindness shown her in sending her home, where she is appreciated and where she can benefit herself and help others.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 115 applications during the months of June, July, August, and September, of whom 21 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 92 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 17, 4 were made self-supporting, and 2 were adequately helped by developing their own resources. 16 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We hope to receive co-operation in this District from our friends of the year just past, and from as many *new* ones as possible, so that we may be strengthened in our own work, and may secure for our poor sufficient labor for the coming winter.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Some two months since, a man applied here for work. "Could do everything, but could not get anything to do," he said. On investigation we found that he had been for a long time aided by various churches where his children had attended; and the reason why he never got on was because he had such a large helpless family—at least so we were told. His wife at this time was trying to get up from a sick bed. There were seven children under ten years, and the youngest only two weeks old. The woman would not hear of hospital treatment, but at last, being very ill indeed, she was removed, after earnest persuasion, to one of the best our city affords, and her infant placed in a nursery, under the care of a wet nurse. The man then concluded that he could care for the children in spite of our counsel to the contrary. "He would," he said, "lock them up during the day, and go out to look for work." Here the aid of a co-operating society having the legal power was called in, and the man actually surprised to find the children well cared for in an asylum and having a good time during the warm summer days. In the mean time the man is really paying his debts. His wife, still in the hospital, is slowly recovering, and their children are all doing well. The man, now bereft of the excuse which we fear he has been working on in the past (sick wife and helpless children), will be taught, before they are restored to him, that he must try manfully to earn their daily bread.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSLAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

63 cases were treated by this Committee during the months of June, July, August, and September, of which 21 were new, 23 others were directed; 6 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 22, temporary work for 24, permanent work for 6, 20 were rendered self-supporting, 18 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 2 frauds were exposed, 23 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 231 consultation cases were considered.

Women always on hand for day's work at cleaning, washing, and ironing. One or two reliable men for care of furnaces and cellars.

# Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Central Office, 21 University Place, October 15, 1886.

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“TEN REASONS WHY ANY REPUTABLE CHARITABLE SOCIETY SHOULD  
NOT CO-OPERATE WITH THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.”

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The Rev. D. F. ROBERTSON, Secretary of the NEW YORK JUVENILE GUARDIAN SOCIETY, circulates among our subscribers a sheet with the above heading, and we are sometimes asked for an explanation by those who do not know Mr. R. and his history.

All these statements in the “Ten Reasons” are untrue or misleading; and the animus in which the statements are framed is sufficiently evident from the language in which they are couched. We do not consider it necessary to defend the existence or principles of the Charity Organization Society at this time, or to reply to the allegations contained in the “Ten Reasons” beyond giving to our subscribers the following explanation of this renewed attack upon the Society.

The explanation lies in the fact that, in our Directory to the Charities of the City, we state that the New York Juvenile Guardian Society “has been unfavorably reported upon by the State Board of Charities;” and in our *Monthly Bulletin* we caution our members against contributing to the same society without consulting with us.

To show that our attitude towards that society is justifiable, we would quote, from the Sixth Annual Report of the Board of State Charities, the following extracts from a special report to the State Comptroller, upon the New York Juvenile Guardian Society, dated New York, April 16th, 1872, and signed “By Order of the Board,” by “Theodore W. Dwight, Acting President,” and “Chas. S. Hoyt, Secretary.”

Page 53; 7th line.—“The statement of the society’s affairs made in its published report, and on which the Legislature and individual donors must have been presumed to act in making the appropriations and contributions, exhibits a want of candor and ingenuousness, not to say absolute misrepresentation.”

Page 54; 15th line.—“The institution under investigation appears to us to be unnecessary, and the expenditure extravagant for the work accomplished.”

Page 55; 14th line.—“The Board of State Charities is of the opinion that the general plan of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society is faulty and vicious.”

Page 56; 25th line.—“But independent of these more general considerations, we are of the opinion that the general management of the Guardian Society is not of a kind to commend itself to the public favor, but rather calls for marked disapproval.”

Page 57; 25th line.—“But the worst feature of the management remains to

be disclosed. During the past year, Mr. Robertson expended about five thousand dollars (\$4,937.02), substantially without vouchers."

Page 58; 21st line.—"The charges for collection and 'agency' are very great, amounting to nearly fifty per cent of the amount collected."

We further quote, from the Eleventh Annual Report of the same Board, an extract from a report of a special investigation ordered by the Board, and reported upon February 28th, 1877, by a Committee consisting of Theo. Roosevelt (*now deceased*), Henry L. Hoguet, and Josephine Shaw Lowell, Commissioners.

Page 101; 35th line.—"Finally, we have found by our examination, that the statements and charges made in regard to the Juvenile Guardian Society by the Vice-President of the State Board of Charities, five years ago, are still entirely true and applicable now, and we submit to the Board whether it is not desirable to take steps to deprive the Society of its charter."

Also in the same volume in the Annual Report of the Board, dated January 17th, 1878, and signed by "Wm. P. Letchworth, Acting President," and "Chas. S. Hoyt, Secretary," referring to this last-named report of its Committee, and the Board's action thereunder:

Page 12; 10th line.—"The whole proceedings in the case were reported by the Board to the Attorney-General, with a request that he would take measures to deprive the Society of its charter."

We believe these extracts justify our statement that the Society in question "has been unfavorably reported upon by the State Board of Charities."

Everything that has come to the knowledge of the Charity Organization Society since the above reports were made satisfies us that no change has taken place in the management or spirit of the New York Juvenile Guardian Society, and impels us to continue to warn our members against it. We also have information that the adverse judgment of the State Board of Charities is at this date unchanged.

We have also abundant testimony from a late President and other officers of the Juvenile Guardian Society, that the Society exists almost exclusively for the pecuniary emolument of Rev. D. F. Robertson, that the Trustees, as a rule, were not consulted about his methods, and that the first-named gentleman was constrained to resign his presidency because he was unable to enforce any proper system of accountability for moneys and goods received and disbursed by Mr. Robertson.

We believe it to be our duty to caution our members against contributing to all societies and persons who ask to be entrusted with funds for charitable relief, and whose reputation for judgment and integrity is not good, or who fail to have a complete system of accountability and supervision for the money and property that pass through their hands.

FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *President.*

CHAS. D. KELLOGG, *Organizing Secretary.*

**SUMMER WORK.**—During the past summer our work, as usual, has consisted mostly in looking after sick children, that they might obtain necessary medical care and the benefits of the fresh air so needful for their recovery. Several hundred have been thus benefited through the co-operation of St. John's Guild and the Children's Aid Society, which kindly supplied us with tickets to distribute for their Floating Hospital and Summer Home for day excursions. For the older children the *Tribune* Fresh Air Fund has afforded us every opportunity to send children into the country for from two weeks to as long as our country friends chose to extend their invitations. In some instances this has been as long as six weeks. The number sent has been nearly or quite one hundred and fifty.

Through the Working Girls' Vacation Society many girls recommended by us have been either benefited by a two weeks' stay in the country, or, when that was impracticable, have been provided with occasional day trips out of town. 24 mothers with their children were sent to the Sanitary Tent, Bedloe's Island.

Those churches in the district having summer homes have extended all possible privileges to us, and thus shown their earnest co-operation in our work.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during June, July, August, and September, 57 cases, and directed 34 others. Of the 57, 6 were found worthy of continuous relief, 11 of temporary relief, 25 needing work rather than relief, and 15 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 26, permanent work for 8, temporary work for 7, and advice has been given in 34 consultative cases.

**SUMMER WORK.**—During the summer just closed we have been busy; our work differs materially in character from that of the winter, but it is equally important in its way. Through the generosity of a friend of the Committee, we have been enabled to send over fifty of our poor women and children into the country for periods of from one day to two weeks. These excursions have been duly appreciated by the recipients, and thanks and benedictions have been lavished upon the generous donor, a portion of which, by a curious reflex influence, descended likewise upon the agent. Not only have our worthy poor people in this way had a glimpse of green fields and a breath of fresh air, but we feel that in some cases it has given us an influence over them, by arousing their gratitude, which may still further be used for their benefit.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During June, July, August, and September, 122 cases have been treated, 45 being new, relief was procured for 47, 4 have been placed in private institutions, regular work was secured for 9, temporary work for 23, 2 were made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 170 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for wash and scrub women, nurses, and seamstresses; also men as janitors, porters, or laborers.

**SUMMER WORK.**—Through the kindness of the Working Girls' Vacation Society, we have been able to send 14 girls to the country for two weeks; four of whom, unable to pay anything, were sent free. Through the same society, 12 girls, who could not leave their work for a longer time, were sent upon day-trips to Glen Island. Calvary Church took 3 of our women and 2 children to its Summer Home, at Peekskill, for a week. The Children's Aid Society received 10 children for one week at the Summer Home, at Bath, L. I. Through friends in the District we were able to send 25 women and 46 children to Rockaway Beach for a day, and also to send 2 women for a week, and 3 women and 6 children to friends in the country. The *Tribune* Fresh Air Fund enabled 98 children, selected by us, to spend 2 weeks on farms in different parts of the country. Mr. Erastus Wiman kindly received 34 boys of the District at his exhibition of the "Wild West," and the New York *World* furnished 150 tickets for a day's excursion, each ticket representing 2 women, or 1 woman and 2 children.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During June, July, August, and September, this Committee treated 54 cases, and directed 24 others to the proper source of help; 3 were placed in institutions, regular work was procured for 7, temporary work for 7. Advice has been given in 55 consultation cases.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 7.**—Is a family consisting of man, wife, and 7 children. The wife was very ill, and her physician brought the case to the Society, and recommended her removal to a hospital for surgical treatment. This recommendation was carried out, after placing the two older girls, and a three-months-old baby, with relatives, three other children in the House of Industry, and leaving the fourteen-year-old boy with his father, to keep house for themselves, both having steady employment. Upon visiting the hospital, the woman was found much improved, and it is hoped that a month's treatment will restore her to health, and enable her again to take up the care of her reunited family.

### THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, 86 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 40 were new, 6 were placed in hospitals or institutions, relief was procured for 30, work secured for 33, and 21 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 22 families and 17 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 99 consultation cases.

We need work for 3 men as watchmen, porters, janitors; messengers, etc.; all well recommended. Also work for 4 women at washing or cleaning, and for 2 women at plain sewing.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 796.**—Referred by the visitor of a chapel near by. The family, a deserving one, consisted of father, mother, and 5 children, Swedes. Although their income had been very limited for a long time, they had never before asked or received relief, so far as we could learn. The man, well recommended, had for a long time been, owing to crowded labor market and his own great diffidence, unable to get work of any kind here. The aid desired was expensive—transportation of the entire family to Minneapolis, Minn., where relatives had agreed to receive them and secure them work. They were all eager to go, but could not raise a dollar towards the fare. Correspondence with the Associated Charities of Minneapolis regarding the advisability of sending the family there brought a favorable response. The money needed was then soon raised by the Committee, a benevolent lady giving cheerfully, when the case was brought to her attention by the Agent, a large portion of the sum required. The Children's Aid Society also assisted, not only giving a liberal amount, but securing also a great reduction in the cost of fare. And so the family, on the verge of dependency here, left their miserable tenement surroundings, and went to their future Western home. They have been settled there now for some months and are all employed. They are comfortably situated and doing well.

### THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROB'T W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

210 cases have been cared for during the months of June, July, August, and September, 56 of which were new, and 390 others have been directed. 72 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 19, permanent work was secured for 102, occasional work for 81, 82 were thus rendered self-supporting, 44 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 16 were emigrated for their own benefit, 2 frauds were exposed, and 62 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists, and janitors, also day's work for house-cleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers, and seamstresses.

From the alleys and by-ways, from cellars to garrets, from June to October, we have selected and drafted our travellers, old and young, for days, weeks, months, and some few for years of fresh air, new life, and sometimes future prosperity. Every grade of poverty and misfortune, and every nationality was represented. The large numbers were sent forward without accident or friction, and many have certified that even the one day's trip had revived the drooping, doubtless in many cases saved the lives of children, and strengthened their mothers for future labors.

From the poor of the Ninth and Fifteenth Wards we selected for the benefactions of the Children's Aid Society over one thousand five hundred women and children, who were cared for at the Health Home, West Coney Island, for periods ranging from one day to two weeks; transportation and abundance of good and nutritious food being furnished to all. Great benefits were received by mothers and their children through this kind co-operation. With the *Tribune* Fund, boys were at a discount this year; but the poor girls of the 13th District have many happy hours to dream of. Many of them never saw fields or fruit-laden trees, or cows and sheep, and regarded them with much curiosity. St. John's Guild supplied us with the missing links, and permitted us to swell their numbers on the Barge and in their Seaside Home upon almost every trip.

To all these charities are due our thanks for the many favors shown; and equally so to the Working Girls' Vacation Society, whose kind co-operation was bounded only by their pecuniary means. Through the latter society, many young women were sent to far-distant friends, many for an entire restful summer, free of all expense; and others gained health among the hills or by the seaside. In all two thousand three hundred women and children of the District have had opportunities for renewing their health and strength, and are happier and better for the refreshment of these invaluable summer charities.

### THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 142 cases taken up during the months of June, July, August, and September, 117 being new; also 39 families and 28 homeless persons directed; 27 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 17, permanent work was secured for 10, temporary work for 31, 8 were made self-supporting, 11 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 74 consultative cases.

**WANTING EMPLOYMENT.**—Five good, strong women will go out by the day; 1 elderly German woman, who would do light house-work, or take care of young children, for a good home; 1 very bright German girl of 14, to assist in light house-work, or taking care of a child. Also, 1 very good, responsible man to do clerical work; he understands upholstering, and can make over mattresses; 1 German watchmaker, very highly recommended, willing to do anything that offers.

**REPORT OF FRESH AIR WORK.**—During this summer there were 124 children sent to the country for two weeks each, through the *Tribune* Fresh Air Fund, of whom 13 had been specially invited by the people who had entertained them last summer.

Thirteen working girls were enabled to enjoy a two week's vacation each, through the kindness of the Working Girl's Vacation Society; all but 2 of these preferred to pay a small part of the expense of their trip (\$1.25 per week). We also procured 36 Glen Island tickets at half rates, through the same society, which were sold to young girls who were unable to leave their work for more than a day at a time.

Many of our mothers, with sick children, were sent down to the Health Home, at Coney Island, for a week, and later in the season we were able to send a number of delicate mothers and children for a day of fresh air at the "Sanitary Tent" on Bedloe's Island. We realise more and more each summer the satisfactory character of the Fresh Air Work, in that it is of the "preventive kind," always so much more beneficial in its results than the work of cure.



# THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, 479 cases were directed to the proper help, 412 of which were new. Relief was procured for 62, 25 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 25, and 156 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 168 consultative cases were also considered.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—We received an inquiry from a prominent Relief Society in this city of the worthiness of a certain woman who had been a pensioner of theirs for some years. Their suspicions were aroused that something was wrong in the case as the money has been drawn recently by another woman, who came asking for sums on account, which were to be deducted from pension when it fell due. Investigation by one of the Agents of this Society brought to light a series of systematic deceit in which both women took part. The "pensioner" had been *dead* 2 months, and the money was being appropriated by a woman who had nursed her during her illness. Had she been content to draw the amount monthly when it fell due, instead of borrowing small sums, in all probability she could have carried this fraud on for months without exciting suspicion. The "pensioner" herself had no occasion to apply for charity, as her son, who is captain of a large merchant ship, had supplied her wants liberally, and was much grieved to learn of his mother's begging ways. The woman is also reported to us as receiving a similar pension from a leading church. From all the evidence it is a strong case of charity carelessly applied.

## BECCING LETTER-WRITERS.

**ONE OF THE CURIOSITIES OF LITERATURE.**—The writer of the following was exposed in the *Graphic* in 1884. A detective was sent by that paper to investigate, and found her family, consisting of herself, husband, daughter, and son-in-law, living in comfort in their own house, and keeping a horse and carriage. The letters are frequently written on postal cards, and are marvels of microscopic penmanship. The italics are her own. Several have been sent to members of this Society during the past summer. One postal contained all the following in writing:

Kind Messrs. ——— & Co. Coming across a letter of yours this P.M. expressive of so much gentlemanly & naturally inborn sympathy of nobly true humanitarians & of philanthropy. even to a poor, unfortunate southern woman & family of affliction & helpless want, & in which you generously helped us some,—though I hate again to bother you, the family support still—as since the war & so much family affliction reduced us from ease & comfort, still on my now too frail, feeble hand's, my long—sorely, sorely—afflicted husband's health—now just wretched, mine too,—much worse & my little strength waneing—in creeping of age on me, & since a late long & hard spell of sickness, my head, back & limbs—constantly acheing, sick at stomach & all the time—feeling as if made of lead, and all this, I believe,—from so much exposure & overheat—*this dreadfully—hot—southern summer & through last several hard winters, working hard—in my pain,* trying to "sorter" provide for my household,—but—unable now—utterly, to work—even if I could get even *half—regular work these very—hard, hard, great—depressed times—in this war—reduced & ever poor section, & if woman's labor even half—nay,—fourth reasonable pay.* I know not now—when—I will be able to work, & we now sadly, wretchedly needy of food, clothing &c, soon I fear, especially as I fear it will advance in price,—will be needy of even breadstuff & now have nothing else besides or with our bread, but a few vegetables that hurt and disagree with us—in our ills, *now*, oft, for weeks at a time, without a bite of meat of any kind to eat, or lard to season anything with, *now*—& oft, *without a cent in the world*, would be glad of even only a little sugar, coffee, milk, *or*—butter.—a little soda, pepper &c, but now, and oft—*having even to suffer—& only for means—to buy a little box or vial of medicine, & oh,* I cannot here give near all our sad, pushing, present needs, suffering &c, (even unable to have our shoes patched and half-soled—I fear, til they'll be too far gone soon, to bear fixing) all my *hardships—in pain & exposure, my daily &—nightly—truly painful anxieties—for at least—some—little comfort & cheer of my poor dear ones,—I humbly ask oh! Sirs, if you will not let me have—any—how—some help,—whatever it may be your convenience and pleasure—in so, sad a situated family—of fellow creatures, & as the lady I—am, the christian I do trust I am, I will return it if you wish with interest.* as soon, if possibly at all ever able,—& believe I could soon return it, & make over—something—to our—helping—along—if I can but get a little start, you can send as you wish & think best; but I believe any help would come as safely these days—as any way, *especially to a lady's address, by unassuming—plainly enveloped letter; but I repeat,—Send as you think best & wish, & if references—additional to recommendation you already have of us, are—necessary, I'll send them.* As I have no stamps,& not a cent in the world—to get—anything, please excuse card & please answer soon.

Address—your Lastingly, Grateful, Humble, Friend—Most Sincerely & Respectfully,—

MRS. E. T. JENNINGS, Conover, Catawba Co., N. C.

If you oblige, I'll never more bother you in future.  
Conover N Carolina, Aug. 7th, 1886.

## LABOR TEST.

The Wood-yard of the New York Labor Bureau Association (formerly the Wood-yard of this Society) opened on Monday, October 4th. Last winter it gave over two thousand days' labor. No man can be received without a ticket. Eight tickets are sold for one dollar. Send orders for tickets to Charles D. Kellogg, 21 University Place; Otto T. Bannard, 35 Wall

street; or Irving P. Alcott, Supt., cor. 19th st. and Ave. B. Send orders for kindling wood to the Superintendent at above address.

\$4.00 for ¼ of a cord. \$7.50 for ½ of a cord. \$14.50 for 1 cord.

**Back Numbers of the Bulletin** may be had by those who have failed to receive them, by applying to the Organizing Secretary while the supply lasts.

### THE WAY IT IS DONE.

The Charity Organization Society has learned that the Vienna police have just concluded an investigation into a regularly organized so-called "Charity Exchange," which had its headquarters at a coffee house in one of the suburbs of Vienna, and which has been flourishing for a long while.

This "Exchange" was patronized by professional beggars, swindlers, and frauds, who there procured lists of Vienna's benevolent citizens. For ten gulden (about \$5.00) the patrons were provided with ten of the very best names, while the payment of one gulden (50 cents) entitled them to a dozen names of inferior value.

The philanthropists were all carefully classified, each class having its own special place on their books. First were those who were known to *invariably* give without questioning or investigation, and who *never* would refuse an appeal. Secondly, those who would sometimes ask disagreeable questions, occasionally going so far as to request the address of an applicant!

The lowest place was reserved for those "mean folks" who would insist upon asking a "poor, wandering apprentice" for papers corroborating his statements; and who had even been base and heartless enough to offer a "broken-down merchant" an inferior position in some mercantile house.

These last were the least valuable, and their names were sold at a very low rate. This made matters very easy for Vienna's professional beggars, and saved them the risk of being refused at forty-nine places before obtaining the desired aid at the fiftieth; one had only to apply to the "Exchange," and by the payment of the requisite fee ascertain just where to apply, and how much to expect when one got there.

But even this "Exchange" must have its "black Friday." A terrible crash followed the police investigation, and its managers are now safely lodged in jail.

The success of many of the professional swindlers of New York would justify the conviction that similar graded lists exist here.

### THE LESSON OF EXPERIENCE.

The following is an extract from a recent letter from a lady who joined our Society a year or more since, with some misgivings that in trying to repress the idle and vicious, we might sometimes condemn the worthy and helpless. Her experience is that of all who try to discriminate intelligently in order that their benefactions may relieve worthy poverty and not encourage dissolute mendicancy. Those who give to strangers on the street or at their doors "*do not come in contact with the really deserving at all.*"

"Of all the street-beggars that I referred to your Society last winter, all were proven imposters, either upon closer inquiry or from the fact that a wrong address was given. I found that I did not come in contact with the really deserving at all. I would cheerfully help the deserving cases, in as far as I can if I know them. I referred all the cases I met to your Society, and I walked the streets with greater comfort than ever before; for I always feel unhappy to pass a beggar by, and unhappy to give to one from the seeming lack of wisdom in so doing."

### A CLASSIFIED AND DESCRIPTIVE DIRECTORY

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It contains a carefully prepared résumé of the charitable resources of the metropolis—civic, associated, and congregational. It gives the exact legal title, location, special features, condition, and modes of application of each, to aid citizens in dispensing their liberality, and to aid societies and private persons in directing objects of relief to the existing provisions for their peculiar need. 180 pp., 16mo, cloth. Price, 25 cents, sent post-paid on receipt of price. (It is expected that a new edition will be issued in the early autumn of 1886.) Also

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**Additional Members.**—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP DESERVING PEOPLE.

Two elderly ladies, sisters, who were brought up in affluence, claim to have been defrauded of an inheritance ample for their wants by a dishonest executor who is abundantly able to disgorge. They are now friendless and in want. Our attorneys have looked carefully into the complaint, searched the county records, etc., and decide that the case is a strong one, which they are willing to carry to trial for a contingent compensation. Preliminary cost, however, to the extent of \$40, must be paid before the case can be put on the Court Calendar for trial. As no resource exists from which such help can be drawn, will any of our members help these poor defrauded sufferers to recover their own?

A Swedish gentleman and wife, both cultivated and refined, he a college graduate and she of high birth, thoroughly authenticated and of the purest personal character, are in deep want for lack of employment. She, having had no training, can do little but sew, and earns only \$2 a week. He has put forth every effort for permanent employment for 2 years—as we have also for him—but has only secured short chance jobs. Their situation is desperate. He is a trained commercial man and accountant, but his great modesty and his foreign ways are against him. He has the highest testimonials from well known manufacturers who sent him abroad on business successfully done. They rebel at receiving charity and only ask for self-supporting labor. He would make a capable and trusty clerk in any kind of an office, and they could live on \$12 a week. Cannot some of our members give him employment? He speaks and writes in several languages.

### FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I bequeath to my Executors the sum of ..... Dollars, IN TRUST, to pay over the same in ..... after my decease, to the person who, when the same is payable, shall act as Treasurer to the "CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK," incorporated under Chapter 139, of the laws of 1882 of the State of New York, to be applied to the benevolent uses and purposes of said Society, and under its direction.

## Charity Organization Society

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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**CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, November 15th, 1886.**

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*N.B.—This Bulletin is issued Monthly,  
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**TO MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.**

We have been shown copies of an anonymous paper which seems to be widely circulated, purporting to be a "Supplement to the Philanthropist" (entitled: "Ten Reasons, etc.") in which an attack is made on the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY. In addition to many false and misleading statements and much personal abuse, the fact that we, at various times, withdrew from the active management of that Society is untruthfully adduced as a reason why it is not entitled to confidence. The fact is, that we resigned either because the rapid growth of the Society involved a large amount of service, and made the duties devolving upon us in its management more onerous than we could perform, in view of other personal obligations, or because of permanent non-residence consequent on failing health. Our continued interest and confidence in the Society are shown in the fact that we all appear as contributors to it, and most of us are among its Vice-Presidents.

We believe the circular in question to be false in its conclusions and unworthy of consideration. We take pleasure, not only in contributing ourselves to the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, but in testifying to the community our sense of the great value of the work of the Society, in so systematizing the charities of the city that imposture and mendicancy may be suppressed, and the helpless and worthy poor may secure the relief intended for them. We heartily recommend the benevolent public to give the Society a liberal support.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5th, 1886. (Signed.)

Lucius Tuckerman,	Henry E. Pellew,
Arthur M. Dodge,	Joseph Thoron,
Chas. S. Fairchild,	R. Duncan Harris,
Robert B. Minturn,	Henry Rice,
Anson Phelps Stokes,	H. McK. Twombly,
J. Hampden Robb,	Bowles Colgate,
James A. Renwick.	

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"It is a low benefit to give me something; it is a high benefit to enable me to do somewhat of myself."—*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

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**AN UNWELCOME TRIBUTE TO VIRTUE.**

"Hypocrisy is the tribute which vice pays to virtue." It sometimes sends its tribute through persons courteous in address and refined in appearance, who solicit contributions for charitable purposes. They do not plead for themselves, they say. They are happily quite above want. But they do plead for the poor, the unfortunate, the friendless. They respectfully and confidently appeal to you, as a benevolent Christian citizen, to aid them to raise the fallen, cheer the faint, and guide the erring. In so saying, they address the noblest part of our nature, as they very well know. But that any man, and especially any woman, should thus deliberately defraud us by exciting our sympathy and compassion—those qualities which are proof of the capacity of man for better things than yet attained—shows how degraded a human being can become.

One such tribute-bearer to virtue recently visited a lady member of our Society. She came, appropriately, at night, stated that she was one of the fifty lady members of the "Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society;" gave as address, No. 67 W. 44th street; showed a number of signatures, supposed to be those of subscribers to the society; said that the society believed in "helping the poor to help themselves." To this end it gave fuel, food, and lodging to poor women, and tried to find employment for them. She then expatiated upon the good a single dollar in her hands might do. People who do not investigate or ask us to investigate for them may well be deceived by this impostor. Her names are various. One would suppose she was a polyandrist, for she calls herself, at pleasure, Mrs. A. Ford, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Lay, or Mrs. Delasair, Mrs. Lasar, etc., etc. Her fictitious society is also called the "Helping-Hand," and will doubtless be given other names as our members become warned against these two.

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**Interchange of Views.**—We would suggest that, in order to gain a more general knowledge of the work, the members of the different District Committees visit each other's offices during Committee meetings. An exchange of views and methods would tend to broaden and deepen the interest in the work, and to disseminate the best methods. Several of the Committees have extended invitations to this effect. Doubtless the Committees will also be glad to receive similar visits from residents of the districts who may be interested in our aims and methods.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular meeting on the 9th inst. President Weeks was in the chair, and seventeen members were present. The treasurer reported receipts of \$2,305.00, and disbursements of \$2,189.91, and \$227.70 on hand.

The Organizing Secretary reported concerning the work of October, the details of which are in their usual column. Appropriations amounting to \$2,256.84 were made for the coming month. The co-operating churches and societies now number 226. The agents' monthly meetings have been resumed, and are held on the evening of the third Tuesday after the first Thursday of each month. The new directory of the charities of the city is in press, and may be looked for about December 1st. The initiation of a course of lectures upon social topics before the Union Theological Seminary was noticed, as indicative of a growing interest in the study of the proper relations of society to the laboring and dependent classes. A plan of teaching Charity Organization principles, as used by the High School of Buffalo, may be seen at the Central Office. When a generation shall have been educated in these questions, a long step will be taken in the solution of the problem which environs the depressed and degraded.

A special Committee on Ways and Means was created, composed of the Executive, Finance, and Membership Committees, with power to add to its members from the Council or the District Committees.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the gift of Mrs. Woerishoffer was set apart permanently as "The C. F. Woerishoffer Memorial Fund," the income only to be applied to the general expenses of the Society.

The elections of Dr. W. E. Bullard and Mr. Wm. G. Scott as members of the 8th District Committee, and of Drs. L. L. Seaman and August Caillé as members of the 14th District Committee, were approved.

The Committee on Mendicancy reported the work of the out-door officer during the month, as shown elsewhere.

Hon. Oswald Ottendorfer was elected a vice-president of the Society, and Messrs. H. D. Auchincloss and John J. Donaldson members of the Central Council.

Article III. of the Constitution was amended, so as to enlarge the membership, by providing for associate members who shall contribute \$25 annually, and patrons who shall contribute \$500 in any one year.

### OFFICE SIGNS AND DOOR PLATES.

Our signs and plates prove to be a most effectual protection against professional beggars. Where they are displayed, and our tickets given to applicants, it will only be the worthy poor, who do not fear a friendly visitor, that will seek charity while the vicious and idle mendicants will pass by. They are in use upon the house doors and in the offices of many of our first citizens, and we trust that all our members and subscribers will adopt them, as do every member of the Berlin and Geneva corresponding societies, from whom the idea is borrowed.

Our reference tickets are freely supplied with every such token of co-operation.

It should be remembered that the kindest and most effective help that can be given to any unknown applicants for charity is to refer them by a ticket to this Society, as that course puts them, in the speediest manner, in connection with the whole charitable system of the city.

The door plates are of the best quality of silver plate, 1½x3½, enamelled sunk letters, affixed without injury to the door, and may be put either on the front or area door. In Europe they are generally put upon the front door. No. 1 reads: No. 2 reads:

MEMBER

CHARITY ORGANIZATION C. O. S.  
SOCIETY.

The plates cost but 50cts. each, affixed to the doors. The signs are 6x9 inches, neatly framed, and cost 25cts. each. Full description was in the May BULLETIN.

### OCTOBER STATISTICS.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	1502	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out..	372	on file.....
Referred for investigation.	154	129,290

#### The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	630	Procured relief for.....	72
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	6
charity.....	278	Secured work for.....	139
False addresses.....	32	Made self-supporting.....	85
Worthy continuous relief..	17	Emigrated.....	18
" temporary ..	75	Families broken up.....	5
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	173	pressed.....	19
Unworthy of relief.....	45	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, etc. . .	125
lums, etc.....	25	Friendly Visitors on duty..	130

### STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 99 cases.

#### CLASSIFIED AS:

- 6 Begging letter-writers.
- 13 Sidewalk beggars.
- 12 House-to-house beggars.
- 58 Tramps.
- 9 Miscellaneous.

#### RESIDING:

- 71 In cheap lodging-houses.
- 15 In their own homes.
- 6 Gave false addresses.
- 4 Station-house lodgers, etc.

#### THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 13 Helpless through infirmity.\*
- 80 (or 81 per cent) able-bodied.
- 6 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

#### HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

- 1 Needy and worthy.\*
- 1 Had ample means.
- 7 Shiftless and idle.
- 78 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—26 warned, directed, and counselled, and 60 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

#### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Clarke, Ida	Meyers, Ann
Dunning, Mrs. Elizabeth M.	Morton, W. M.
Gilbert, Fannie	Pratt, Jane
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Edward G.
Hartley, Mary	Smith, Eugenia
Howard, George	Smith, Mary Ida
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Salomon, Henry
Hutchinson, George	Weston, Celeste
Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina	Williams, Mary Ann
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	Wilson, Jane

We omit the names of several begging-letter writers who seem to have been less active of late.

# CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.  
Army Aid Association.  
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.  
Blydenberg, Mrs.  
Children's Institute.  
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.  
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.  
Christian Workers Help. Hand.  
Currier's Benev. and Prot. Ass.  
Delasair, Mrs.  
D'Esterhazy, Count.  
1st N. Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.  
Free Dispensary of N. Y.  
Free Art Association.  
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.  
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.  
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.  
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.  
Hibernian Union Club.  
House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland Co., N. Y.  
Howard, Mrs.  
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.  
Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.  
Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.  
Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass. Institute (various objects), Sisters Harget & Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.  
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.  
Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.  
J. White Kelley.  
Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.  
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.  
Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.  
Little Children's Relief Society  
Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.  
Maternity Home.  
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.  
Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.  
Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.  
Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."  
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.  
N. Y. Employment Ass'n.  
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.  
N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.  
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.  
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.  
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)  
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.  
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.  
Police Relief Fund.  
Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.  
Reading Room for Workingmen of the various R.R. Cos.  
Reform Charity Union.  
Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.  
Society of Holy Innocents.  
St. Stephen's Guild.  
St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.  
Tenement Household Aid Ass.  
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.  
United Ass'n. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.  
United Waiter's Ben. Ass'n.  
West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.  
Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.  
Woman's Infirmary.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workingmen. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are *mutual benefit* societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers. *They are specially alert at this season.*

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to *any* begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Anderson, Mary, alias Woods  
Brown, see Rowan  
Dirix, Julia  
Dugan, John  
Fox, Margaret  
Gannon, Ellen  
Grady, see Rowan  
Halsey, G. A., alias Stevens  
Hamilton, James  
Hereford, H. Edward  
Hill, Alice  
Jackson, see Parsons  
Johnson, see Rowan  
Johnson, Annie E.  
Johnson, Hamilton  
McClernard, see Rowan  
Meredith, Jr., James E., from Chicago  
Parsons, James, alias Richardson, Price, Jackson, Taylor, and Wilson  
Powell, or Powers, Alice  
Price, see Parsons  
Richardson, see Parsons  
Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth, alias Brown, Grady, Johnson, and McClernard  
Stevens, see Halsey  
Striker, Edward  
Taylor, see Parsons  
Vaughan, Prof. or Rev. George  
Vetter, Annie  
Wilson, see Parsons  
Woods, see Anderson

N. B.—Reference should also be made to previous numbers of the BULLETIN, as we have not space to repeat names frequently. The June number contained a recapitulation of many of the names upon our cautionary list.

**CAUTION.**—An Episcopal clergyman says: "Look out for H. Edward Hereford, who has letters purporting to be from Episcopal ministers at the South. He asks money to buy a truss, and a position to teach drawing. He has on a paper names of prominent persons who he says have helped him. Mine is down for \$3, which is a lie." He may take other names.

# Contributions In October, 1886.

Adams, Mrs. Geo. H.	\$5 00	Maynard, E.	\$10 00
Alexander, Rev. G., D.D.	10 00	Minor, Miss Lucy L.	10 00
Anderson, Mrs. A. A.	250 00	Minor, Miss Virginia C.	5 00
Anderson, Miss E. M.	100 00	Milbank, Mrs. J.	100 00
Baylis, Mrs. Wm.	10 00	Milbank, Dunlevy	100 00
Barton, Theodosius	5 00	Morgan, Geo. H.	10 00
Beadleston & Woerz	10 00	Motley, Thornton N.	5 00
Beckwith, Arthur	10 00	Mortimer, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Bennet, Josiah S.	10 00	McCready, Mrs. N. L.	5 00
Bloss, Jas. O.	10 00	McKesson, Mrs. John	10 00
Brown, Mrs. Jas.	25 00	McMullen, Thos.	10 00
Cammann, Mrs. C. A.	25 00	Odell, Mrs. Jonathan	5 00
Chapman, N. C.	25 00	Perkins & Welsh	20 00
Clausen & Price Brewing Company	10 00	Planten, John R.	25 00
Corbin, Mrs. Austin	50 00	Prime, Frederick	100 00
Crowell, Stephen	10 00	Prime, Miss Mary R.	10 00
Crawford, Mrs. M. E.	5 00	Prime, Temple	100 00
Dodge, Mrs. W. E., Sr.	10 00	Quackenbush, Mrs. M. M.	10 00
Dwight, Stanley	10 00	Renwick, Jas. A.	5 00
Eaton, Cole & Burnham Company	10 00	Roosevelt, Jas. A.	50 00
Farnham, Mrs. Eliza C.	10 00	Rose, Mrs. Henry S.	25 00
Fish, Mrs. Hamilton	10 00	Rowell, Geo. P.	10 00
Flint, Mrs. Helena	10 00	St. Matthews Luth. Ch.	10 00
Flint, Dr. Wm. H.	10 30	Schaefer, F. & M. Brew'g Company	10 00
Franklin, James R.	10 00	Seligman, Mrs. Jos.	10 00
Frissell, A. S.	10 00	Selchow, Elisha G.	10 00
Fulton, Elisha M.	10 00	Seligman, Jesse	10 00
Garner, Mrs. Thomas	5 00	Skidmore, Wm. L.	10 00
Gibson, H. D.	10 00	Slade, John M.	5 00
Gilder & Farr	10 00	Stewart, David	50 00
Hayden, Mrs. H. J.	10 00	Sturgis, Russell	25 00
Hayden, H. J.	10 00	Stone, Miss A. C.	5 00
Herrman, Sternbach & Co	50 00	Stetson, Francis Lynde	25 00
Higginson, Jas. J.	250 00	Taintor, C. N.	5 00
Howe, Walter	5 00	Von Post, Mrs. H. C.	10 00
Jarvis, Mrs. J. B.	10 00	Walcott, Benj. S.	5 00
Lawrence, Geo. N.	5 00	Watson, Walter	10 00
Lawrence, Mrs. Samuel	10 00	Watson, Fred'k.	10 00
Lee, Wm. H. L.	50 00	Wallace, Mrs. M. C.	10 00
Livingston, Robert J.	100 00	Wisner, Mrs. Wm. H.	5 00
Lorillard, Mrs. Geo. L.	25 00	Worcester, Mrs. E. D.	10 00

"I am delighted with the proofs of the Society's evident steady growth in the confidence and regard of the people of New York. But how much more rapid that growth *ought* to be, considering the amount of work to be done and the seemingly ever multiplying objects embraced in it. What interest of man, indeed, doesn't your Society touch and may it not benefit, individual, social, political, and religious? I never think of it without a thrill of admiration for its glorious possibilities, its divine comprehensiveness. If it were only sustained and helped forward as it deserves, it would soon come to be regarded as, next to Christianity, the grandest instrumentality of the age for the elevation and welfare of our kind."—FROM A LAY FRIEND.

**Acknowledgment.**—We have received a little more than the whole amount of legal costs in the case of the elderly ladies mentioned in the October BULLETIN, for whom our Legal Aid Committee is endeavoring to recover an inheritance of which they have been apparently defrauded. The contributors thereto have our hearty thanks.

# HOUSE-CLEANING BUREAUS.

We are desired by one who has been imposed upon to warn our other members against irresponsible house-cleaning firms, which take contracts to clean dwellings, and, having done the work, try, by intimidations and tales of absconding clerks and partners, to collect their bills twice; and also leave unpaid the work-people whom they send, thus furnishing excuse for a third demand. Although not a charitable fraud, it is an imposition to which many of our members are exposed, and a word of warning may not be amiss.

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of October this Committee has treated 44 cases, 32 being new; it has also directed 14 others. It has procured relief for 14, placed 1 in an institution, secured permanent work for 6, and occasional work for 14, 7 have thus been made self-supporting, and 2 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources. 12 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and delicate men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 835.**—A widow, who appeared in great distress, applied at the office for help of some kind. Her story was a sad one. Her husband had died a few weeks previous of consumption. The church to which she belonged had defrayed the funeral expenses, as well as having taken care of him while he was sick. They had two children living; had lost two by death within a year and some time previous to the husband's death. Not having a very strong will to resist temptation, the woman became addicted to drink, and consequently did not have a very good record among her neighbors. Her relatives, too, had become disgusted with her and tired of helping her when she would not help herself by giving up the use of intoxicating liquors, and tend to her children and her home. Her appeal was accompanied by a promise to do better. We persuaded her to take a pledge. Her brother was informed of the fact, and he immediately sent a remittance to have the children properly clothed, the back rent paid, and proper food given to the family. The woman was induced to move to less vicious quarters, away from her old haunts. Work was secured for her; but while away to her work the children (boys 7 and 9 years old) ran wild on the streets after school hours, until finally she placed them in an institution where they would be instructed. She then procured a good situation as a servant. She still keeps her pledge, happy to think that a friend was raised up for her just in the nick of time.

**CAUTIONARY CASE.**—A man, under the different aliases of Parsons, Richardson, Jackson, Wilson and Price, has called upon several ladies connected with the management of "The Sheltering Arms," claiming that, as his wife was in the "House of Rest for Consumptives," he wanted to place his five children in "The Sheltering Arms." He gave his address in East Seventy-fourth street, and one of the ladies called there, laden with provisions, etc., for the little children. She was told she was the third person that had called there. The address proved to be false. Each of these ladies had given money and clothing to the fraud.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 35 applications during the month of October, of whom 13 were carefully directed to proper help, 1 gave false address, and 21 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 8, 1 was made self-supporting. 59 consultative cases were considered. 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

**TO RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.**—In beginning another winter, we can only ask our friends in this district to remember us in the coming months. We are ready and willing to visit and report, but in return we ask your co-operation and sympathy. You can never fully understand our work but by personal experience. By friendly visitation and consultation here, you can have that experience at the cost of a little time each week given to the C. O. S.

We have good seamstresses desiring work by the day; also, careful men (unable to do heavy work) ready to take charge of house furnaces for the winter. Women for day's work always to be had on inquiry at this office.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSELAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

24 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of October, of which 10 were new, 4 others were directed; 2 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 3, temporary work for 14, permanent work for 6, 8 were rendered self-supporting, 10 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 3 frauds were exposed, 4 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 33 consultation cases were considered.

Women for day's work, laundresses, cleaners, seamstresses, etc., always on hand. Residents of the District needing help are asked to send to this office, as we may have some worthy persons needing work.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 628.**—Something over two years since, a family, consisting of Patrick and Ellen Lynch, and their four children, was referred to our care. The man being a chronic invalid and a heavy burden to his family, it was decided to place him in a hospital, but when all arrangements were completed he refused to go. Several other ways of helping the family out of their trouble having also failed, measures were taken to discover how it was that they managed to live, as their income from the few occasional days' work of the wife was wholly insufficient. Soon it was found that several private families were sending them bountiful supplies of everything, the wife's practice being to go to work for a few weeks for some wealthy lady, thus gaining access to her, then pouring her tale of distress into her ear, with the result as stated above.



The Visitor then decided upon a course of action. Finding that the man's brother lived in an adjoining State, and was amply able to assist, she wrote to him and received his offer to take the man into his own household and support him entirely. The wife's friends in England were also written to, and they sent a cordial invitation for the wife and children to return there, when they would help them to get a home. With these letters the ladies who were assisting the family were visited, and asked to contribute the funds necessary to send the family to England, and within two weeks the Agent saw the wife and three children safe on board a steamship for Liverpool. The man had already gone to his brother's, and the oldest child, a girl of nineteen years, been placed in a family in the country.

Within the last month we have received a letter from the wife, in which she states that she is comfortably located in a house, has a few boarders, and is doing nicely. The case has cost much time and trouble, but in view of the fact that the four children have been saved from becoming chronic beggars, and the mother has been cured of her habit, it is felt that the time and labor were well spent.

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during October, 20 cases, and directed 5 others. Of the 20, 6 were found worthy of temporary relief, 10 needing work rather than relief, and 4 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 4, permanent work for 5, and temporary work for 5.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Early in September, a young Irish girl applied to us, asking if she could be assisted in obtaining work. She had been but three months in this country, and with the exception of a married sister, in whose family she was staying, she had no friends in America. She was a dressmaker and tailoress, and had worked at her trade in the old country, but an invalid mother and some little orphan nieces made the support of the family so heavy for the overworked father, that this daughter came to this country in hopes of earning more for the family than she could by remaining at home. She brought with her her pastor's high indorsement as to her character, and this, with her knowledge of her business, constituted her whole stock in trade. Her story was told to one of our Friendly Visitors who saw and conversed with the girl. This lady wrote on her behalf to one of the leading dressmakers of this city. The girl presented the note, and the lady to whom it was addressed, the head of the establishment, told her to come again in the course of a week and she would see what could be done, when, interrupting herself, she said: "But you want work as soon as possible; come again in two days." The girl did so, and she is now regularly engaged in that establishment, we hope with good prospect of success.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During October, 26 cases have been treated, 12 being new, relief was procured for 5, regular work was secured for 4, temporary work for 6, 4 were made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 25 consultative cases.

We have wash and scrub women, seamstresses, and nurses; also porters, waiters, and laborers anxious for work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1767.—About July 1st, a very respectable woman, whose husband died a year ago from sunstroke, applied to us for work. She had supported herself and one child until the present time, but had now no work and was about to be dispossessed. The agent found that she had a brother in Lowell, Mass., to whom she had written several times since her husband's death, but from whom she had received no reply. Reference to the proper directory located the brother at once, and application to him met with a prompt response, in which he stated that he had heard nothing of his sister's loss or trouble. A short time sufficed to place her and her belongings under her brother's care in Lowell, Mass., where she is now self-supporting.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During October, this Committee treated 11 cases, and directed 5 others to the proper source of help; 1 was placed in an institution, regular work was procured for 1, and temporary work for 6.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

CASES IN WHICH EMPLOYMENT IS NEEDED.—We would earnestly call the attention of members and others to the following:

A good carpenter met with an accident lately by which he lost his right thumb, and so is prevented from working at his trade. He wants place as janitor or watchman. He has a wife, but no children.

An able-bodied fellow with no trade, but well recommended for honesty and sobriety, has a wife and five children. He can do almost any ordinary labor.

A lady, occupied in physician's office during the morning hours, wishes to read and write for some professional person or invalid during the afternoon. She has good references. The Committee hope that something will offer for these persons, for it is distressing to have the worthy in need for lack of work.

### THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of October, 23 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 10 were new, 2 were placed

in hospitals or institutions, relief was procured for 5, work secured for 7, and 5 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 4 families and 5 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 31 consultation cases.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 689.**—Transferred from an adjoining district, under the care of whose Committee the family had previously been. It consisted of the woman, recently left a widow and destitute, and 3 young children, the oldest a boy just able to work, and the youngest an infant of a few months only. The mother had never been obliged to work, except in her own house, until her husband's death, and after his decease approaching cares made it impossible for a time. When she came to the District, she was entirely unemployed and dependent upon relief. Her boy had lost his place in a large dry-goods house owing to the dulness of the summer season. A co-operating relief society furnished aid cheerfully on our recommendation, and also joined with us in securing work for the woman who has proved herself very industrious and willing. Her 2 youngest children are placed in an excellent day nursery convenient to her home, and are well cared for at the trifling cost of 5 cents per day each when she is out to work. She has now improved very much in condition on account of the work we have been able to get for her, and last month paid her rent for the first time out of her own earnings. She still continues to receive aid in food however. Her boy has resumed his work again, and the prospect of the family's becoming self-supporting is very bright. What is needed most in the case is regular work for the woman to which she can go and come at regular hours, such as cleaning in down-town offices, etc. Perhaps some of the readers of the BULLETIN may be able to furnish this kind of employment.

### THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

ROBT W. DEFOREST, *Ch'n*, DANIEL LORD, JR., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

57 cases have been cared for during the month of October, 20 of which were new, and 103 others have been directed. 11 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 8, permanent work was secured for 31, occasional work for 27, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, 5 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 4 were emigrated for their own benefit, 1 fraud was exposed, and 46 consultation cases were considered. Work is wanted for male nurses, copyists, and janitors, also day's work for housecleaners, cook, laundresses, housekeepers, and seamstresses.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 752.**—Numerous inquiries have been received during the past two years, relative to a family, residents for the last eighty years in the Ninth Ward. Private individuals and some of the leading papers took up the case, which, as represented by the applicants, was always one of interest, and elicited much sympathy. The investigation showed that the woman lived with and was supposed to be the wife of a man whom she supported in various ways, mostly by begging. While living under the name of a wife, she was receiving a pension as a widow from one of our best relief societies, and also making applications under her maiden name to many private individuals, some of whom asked information before relieving her wants. She used three names. As a wife, her appeals were for work, and her needs were the result of her husband's long sickness; as a widow, an invalid daughter claimed more than she could supply. But there was always a comfortable, well-furnished home, a bountiful table, and even good clothing to be seen; never any evidence of want. Finally the daughter, in a moment of excitement, because of unrequited love, attempted suicide by throwing herself from a ferry-boat while crossing the East River. The sensation attending the attempted suicide resulted in much sympathy for the family, and much money made its way to them from the public. This induced the woman still to seek aid, and to ask appeals from the different papers. But further investigation has revealed continued immorality, intemperance, and dishonesty. The different societies and many private inquirers have been fully informed of the facts, and have promised to refrain from future aid or interference.

### THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, W. WASHBURN, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 30 cases taken up during the month of October, 27 being new; also 4 families and 9 homeless persons directed; 7 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 8, permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 10, 2 were made self-supporting, 2 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 15 consultative cases.

Employment is wanted for 4 good women to go out to day's work, or to take it home; also 2 seamstresses, both well recommended, and one bright reliable German girl of 14 to take care of a young child or to assist with light housework. We have also 2 good men to tend furnaces, etc.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,339.**—A case which came under our notice recently was that of an elderly German couple not long in this country. The man, owing to some chronic difficulty, had long been incapacitated for work. The wife had supported them by dress-making until she, too, was taken sick. They had become reduced to almost utter destitution at the time our attention was called to the case. A physician who was sent to see the woman reported that she was very seriously ill, and advised her immediate removal to a hospital, where she died some weeks later. The case was then placed in the hands of a Friendly Visitor, who superintended the removal and sale of what furniture they had. In the mean time, a temporary home in the country had been found for the man, where he remained through the summer, returning early in October in better health than had been his for years. We had already planned to send him to his relatives in Germany, when it was learned that an uncle in Philadelphia had offered him a home, and he was accordingly sent on there, where, we have every reason to believe, he will be comfortable for the rest of his days.

# THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, MRS. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of October, 164 cases were directed to the proper help, 101 of which were new. Relief was procured for 21, 9 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 12, and 45 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 124 consultative cases were also considered.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—Two years ago, the editor of a daily paper notified us that in a rear basement, in an unhealthy locality, an old woman and her grandchild were sick and destitute. Our visit found, in a pitiable condition, a Scotch woman, once thrifty and canny, who, by desertion of her only son and his wife, had been left with two children to support, one the son's child, the other her own young daughter. The latter was in an asylum.

Through her long sickness the woman was now helpless. A Friendly Visitor was secured who wisely placed the woman in a hospital, the child in an asylum, and stored the scant furniture, and then watched the woman until she left the hospital, able to accept the employment the Visitor had meanwhile secured for her. This was temporary, and after many failures to find permanent work it was decided to place her in a home of her own, where she could take infants to board. She was faithful to her charge, more so than the parents of the infants, some of whom left the latter upon her hands. This enterprise eventually failed, and again the woman had to seek charity's shelter.

On one occasion, while in a Church Refuge, imagine her surprise, at the first breakfast, to meet her daughter-in-law, whom she supposed dead. They only met again to separate, the unnatural mother leaving her child without regret to its poor grandmother. The latter implored her faithful Visitor for a home once more, promising to maintain it. The Visitor decided to interest others. An entertainment was arranged and the proceeds—a goodly sum—were used to hire a small store and living rooms. A stock of candy, toys, etc., was furnished, and the store opened to the public. The grandson was brought from the asylum, and a position in a shoe store, at a weekly salary of \$2, was secured for him.

One year has passed. The woman has managed her business so wisely that she has not only repaid money that had been loaned for her necessities, but is self-supporting and happy, and is respected by her neighbors.

The success of this family is entirely due to the persistent and watchful care of the Friendly Visitor, who, through many discouraging hours, has held to them, until she now feels that their future is reasonably secure, and the story well illustrates the loving and effective work that a Visitor may do, as compared with the tantalizing and futile work of mere alms-giving. It will interest members to learn that this Visitor is a young lady fulfilling the duties of an extensive social circle, but who yet finds time thus to befriend more than one needy family.

## BECCING LETTER-WRITERS.

A quantity of letters like the following has been sent to us the past two years, but as the fellow always gives false addresses, we have not yet been able to interview him. A lad of 26 delivers the letters.

DEAR SIR :—As necessity once more compels me to call on you for assistance, as it is now very near a year that I have been confined to my house with rheumatism, and entirely unable to contribute anything towards the support of my large family, my son, the bearer, is also at the present time out of employment, so I am in very destitute circumstances, the last time I appealed to you for aid you kindly helped me, and I hope also this time to meet with your kind approval as I am in great need, thanking you very much for the past, I remain, yours truly

HENRY SALOMON.

To letters similar to the following is forged the name of the matron of an institution far up-town. The letters are sent to managers and officers of kindred institutions.

DEAR MRS. — :—You will be surprised at receiving a note of this import from me, but I trust the circumstances will explain it all. I want to use forty dollars immediately, and all I have on hand is twenty-three. My brother, Mr. —, is out of town, and I thought of you, knowing you will willingly oblige me until Saturday. Hoping you, are all well and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I am,

Yours in the Faith,

P. S.—I send this by Harry, the colored boy at the house here. He is trustworthy.

DENNINGS, Broadway and Tenth St.

DEAR DR. — :—I am in an awful predicament. I came down-town this afternoon to do some shopping for myself, and also to get a few things for the home. I made my purchases, and on going to pay for them, discovered to my horror that my pocket-book was gone. Some one stole it, I think, as I could not have lost it. There are a few things that I want to take with me this evening; I can leave the balance until to-morrow. Will you please let me have \$5, and I will be a thousand times obliged, and will return it to-morrow when I come down. With love,

Yours in haste,

P. S.—I send this by one of the porters connected with the store. He is trustworthy.

## To Members of Sewing Societies.

Subscribers to Church and other benevolent employment Societies, who have no special disposition to make of their permits for sewing, may learn, at the office of our Central Agent or at any of our district offices, of needy and worthy women to whom this work will prove a blessing.

**Special Emergencies** often arise in treating cases of distress for which absolutely no provision exists in this city, and wherein it is necessary for the Society to appeal to private citizens to supply the needed relief. The Central or District Officers will be grateful to any who will give them permission to ask their aid in such cases.

## A FALLACY EXPOSED.

The September *Century* has a bright and forcible article ("The Forgotten Millions," p. 803) on the fallacy so oft repeated that "it is better to feed a hundred mendicant imposters than to permit one worthy and needy person to suffer." After suggesting that all our charitable as well as legal machinery is fallible and imperfect, it shows that the fairest test is simply this, "What methods will accomplish the most good and the least harm?" It then proceeds to say:

"When we find that the administration of a systematic method of poor-relief has resulted in a failure to reach and relieve some worthy person, our sympathy for the sufferer is aroused, and we are inclined to denounce and abandon the system. It has put an end to mendicancy, it has lifted many families out of pauperism into self-support; it has furnished employment and livelihood to a multitude; but it has left undone one thing that it ought to have done. This one failure, in the eyes of some sentimentalists, vitiates all its good work. It were better to feed a hundred beggars than to let one worthy person go hungry.

"The suffering of the one worthy person deserves our compassion; but what of the hundred beggars? Is there nothing to deplore in the injury done them by the misapplied charity that encourages them to pursue their life of shame? Are there no tears for the moral degradation into which they are sinking? Suffering, too, is surely waiting for them if they go on in that path. Most of them will become criminals, and through their depredations upon society an indefinite amount of injury will be inflicted upon innocent persons. Is no account to be made of this? If we must choose between a method which, in order to avert suffering from a single individual, lets a hundred beggars loose in society to destroy themselves and prey upon the honest citizens, and a method which turns the hundred beggars into the paths of honest industry, but in doing so fails to relieve one worthy sufferer, there ought to be no great hesitation in making the choice. Yet there are thousands of soft-hearted and short-sighted philanthropists who are able to see no farther than the case of the individual sufferer, and who are ready to say that the system which has failed to bring him relief must be defective, even though it has prevented a hundred times as much suffering as it has caused."

## Tariff for Cripples.

A correspondent sends us the following bit of experience: Some days ago, there was seen, in the streets of a town, a beggar-woman with a forlorn child. An Irish-woman, evidently an acquaintance, came up to her. "An' where did you git the child?" she asked. The woman mentioned a sum of money which she had given for it. (It was not distinctly overheard.) The Irish-woman was evidently surprised at her friend's extravagance. "Och!" she exclaimed, "an' I got an illigant cripple for eighteen pence!"—*Charity Organization Review*.

## THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE.

With the remark that nearly all the persons named below actively co-operate with the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, we call attention to these resolutions, the insertion of which in the BULLETIN is requested by the signers:

WHEREAS, we, the undersigned, members of the East Side Association of Mission-Clergy, have in our intercourse with the mendicant classes of the city been deeply impressed with the disastrous effects of indiscriminate alms-giving, its tendency to foster habits of dependence and shiftlessness, and the great danger which the continuance of this practice threatens to the civilization and peace of this community,

Resolved, That we protest in the strongest and most emphatic manner against this pernicious practice;

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to co-operate towards securing a better recognition of the true nature of Christian charity, and that we earnestly call upon all to aid us in this endeavor.

Sturges Allen,  
Pierre Cushing,  
Wm. N. Dunnell,  
James O. S. Huntington,  
John E. Johnson,  
Isaac Maguire,  
James Millett,

L. H. Schwab,  
C. Stauder,  
F. W. Tomkins, Jr.,  
A. J. Thompson,  
C. T. Woodruff,  
Henry St. Geo. Young,  
E. F. Miles, M.D.

## A PRACTICAL TEST.

The following "touch stone" as it is called, would be an admirable test to apply to similar cases in New York. It is in vogue at the Bureau Central de Bienfaisance, Geneva.

Every day when a beggar presents himself saying he has no work, we ask him, "What can he do?" and the answer is invariably the same, "I will do anything." To this we reply, "That is well, I have a friend who wants a workman. Come to-morrow and I will give you a letter of recommendation and you will get work at once." We have arranged amongst us, each to take three days a month and give a man work on his presenting himself with this recommendation, at four francs a day. When he comes to one of us he is offered work for three days under one of our foremen, who then sees what he is capable of doing, and endeavors to find work for him according to his capabilities. Should there be no vacancy, he is given work provisionally; but there is not much difficulty in finding it if he is a good workman. Complete arrangements were made, but what happened? During eight months' experience 727 beggars presented themselves. Out of this number 312 applied for letters; 174 only carried the letters to their destination; 37 arrived, who worked for half a day, earned two francs, and did not re-appear; 68 worked one day, and then vanished; 51 worked two days and did likewise; 18 remained the three days and showed a real desire to continue in work. Of these, four remained in the places to which they were first sent, eight obtained work through certificates given, and six were placed with other business men.

"Raise into independence every needy person where this is possible.

"Make sure that no children grow up to be paupers."

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## ON RECOMMENDING IN IGNORANCE.

There are persons whose indorsement of a benevolent enterprise is sufficient recommendation because, not only are they prominent, but they are also known to be cautious. They do not give their support to any society which comes along, simply because its aims are good. They inquire as to the capacity and character of the person who starts the new society; as to the methods by which it is proposed to carry it on; as to its *bona fide* supporters and their means of knowing anything about the society they support; as to the need of the proposed society, and such like facts, and then intelligently indorse it or not, as they think it worthy or unworthy. But to make these inquiries takes time, and hence many persons adopt a much shorter course, when the starter of the enterprise comes to them and asks their support, expatiates upon the benefit the proposed society will be, and shows a list of persons who have already given to him their names as patrons. They see upon the list some names they know, and, without first learning whether the persons named have a whit more knowledge of the enterprise and its founder than they have, they put down their names and soothe their troubled minds by saying: "Mr. A. indorsed it, so it must be all right, I suppose." They are aware that the use of their names will be public, and that if the scheme prove defective, especially if its starter prove unworthy, they will be blamed and blameworthy. Yet they voluntarily take the risk, and give the person authority to refer to them. Often and often schemes so started issue well; at least it is seldom that there is any wrong done which compromises the good-natured but too easy-going patrons. Yet such persons deceive the public. If they spoke the exact truth, they would say: "We give all the support our names may carry to this person to start an association which seems to us excellent in its aims. But we confess that we have never carefully investigated the character of the person who starts the scheme, although he is personally a stranger to us; nor have decided by any examination upon the scheme's desirability, practicality, or interference with existing societies." Of course, such a

recommendation would be worth nothing. But to this it happens too often the published recommendation really amounts. Yet, because the whole truth is not known, the unwary public are led to suppose that the sponsors have a full acquaintance with the starter and the scheme and think highly of both.

Now it is one of the duties of the Charity Organization Society to investigate the worthiness of all benevolent schemes and schemers. There is no excuse for the maintenance of a fraudulent society among us; much less for the starting of another. Let such persons as are asked to support a new or unknown scheme inquire at our Central Office. If it cannot stand the scrutiny of the Society, there is something wrong about it.

## CAUTION.

The Society has occasional reports that persons are soliciting subscriptions for other societies or enterprises, and exhibiting letters indorsing the societies and recommending subscriptions. This Society *never gives such letters*, and the public are warned against the persons who exhibit them.

We are also told that Miss E. S. Lounsbury, who was at one time in the Society's employ, and was discharged for cause, shows some of the preliminary correspondence of the Society as a proof of her reliability. Such use of the Society's letters is unwarranted.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular meeting on the 7th inst. President Weeks was in the chair, and nineteen members present. The treasurer reported that since the October meeting \$3,838.00 were received and \$3,217.27 were disbursed, and the balance was \$1,440.50.

The Organizing Secretary read his report for November, the details of which are given in an adjoining column. Appropriations amounting to \$2,482.27 were made for the coming month. No new constituents have been added to the list of co-operating societies and churches, but the German Ladies' Society and the Ladies' French Benefit Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which had not hitherto done so, have begun to exchange information about the applicants. Through the personal interest and action of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt,

arrangements have been made with the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for fares at half its regular rates over its lines and connections for persons and families westward bound whom the Society recommends. The authorities of the Catholic Arch Diocese of New York have, upon request, kindly furnished the Society with a map showing the boundaries of each of its parishes in this city and of the conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, thus giving information of much value in enabling our agents and committees to economize time and labor in dealing with many of the cases in Roman Catholic families taken up by the Society. It has been found, by a person employed for the purpose, that the Society's signs, spoken of in the last BULLETIN, have given great satisfaction, and that the tickets have been generally used. The present stock of signs being exhausted, a fresh supply was ordered. These will be at once distributed, and thus it is believed that new subscribers will be gained.

The following minute relative to the death of Mr. Henry P. Egleston, referred to in the Organizing Secretary's report, was adopted:

"The Society again suffers a sad loss in the sudden death, in the very prime of life, of Mr. Henry P. Egleston, a member of the 10th District Committee, and the committee's delegate to this Council. Mr. Egleston had taken up the work of the Society with intelligent interest, and had served it with much devotion for a period of two and one-half years (since April, 1884), and his decease deprives us of one who promised to be an increasingly considerate and useful fellow-worker."

The minute was ordered entered upon the minutes, and a copy to be sent to the family.

The resignation of the Rev. Norman Fox as a member of the Central Council, on account of removal from the city, was read and accepted.

Mr. Oswald Ottendorfer's letter, accepting a vice-presidency in the Society, was read.

The report of the House Committee, setting forth the pressure of work upon the Central Office and the consequent impediments to the general work of the Society, and suggesting means to remedy the same, was read and adopted. The report showed that, owing to this pressure, the Organizing Secretary is unable to give attention to various matters, such as personal interviews and inspections, which would greatly advance the general working of the Society.

The Committee on District Work recommended the approval of the election by the District Committees of the following new members, viz.: Messrs. C. R. Blakeman, W. Howard Gilder, Morris S. Thompson, Charles Kellogg, John H. H. Nessler, L. L. Smith, and Dr. Joseph Anderson as members of the 7th District Committee; Mr. George Richards as a member of the 10th; and Messrs. William G. Hamilton and J. A. Scrymser as members of the 12th. It also recommended the opening, on January 1st, 1887, of the office of the 16th District, which extends from Grand to Houston, east of the Bowery. Also that the boundaries of the 7th and 9th Districts be changed, so that the 7th District shall ex-

tend from 40th to 59th streets, and the 9th from 23d to 40th streets, both to cover, as at present, from the Fifth avenue to the North River. These recommendations were adopted.

Messrs. F. F. Thompson and Samuel M. Jackson were elected members of the Central Council.

## NOVEMBER STATISTICS.

### CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	1768	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out..	504	on file.....130,958
Referred for investigation.	228	

### The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	775	Procured relief for.....	140
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	2
charity.....	423	Secured work for.....	168
False addresses.....	42	Made self-supporting.....	61
Worthy continuous relief..	19	Emigrated.....	3
" temporary " ..	94	Families broken up.....	2
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	169	pressed.....	21
Unworthy of relief.....	81	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, etc. . .	167
lums, etc.....	41	Friendly Visitors on duty..	112

## STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 101 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:	RESIDING:
3 Begging letter-writers.	63 In cheap lodging-houses.
21 Sidewalk beggars.	14 In their own homes.
25 House-to-house beggars.	23 Station-house lodgers, etc.
50 Tramps.	
2 Miscellaneous.	
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:
7 Helpless through infirmity.*	0 Needy and worthy.
84 (or 83 per cent) able-bodied.	14 Shiftless and idle.
10 Blind or crippled, but able	85 Dissolute and vicious.
to help support themselves.	

RESULTS:— 27 warned, directed, and counselled, and 64 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

\*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

### BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Bier, Mrs. Mary	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Clarke, Ida	Meyers, Ann
Crawford, Mrs. E. P.	Morton, W. M.
Dunning, Mrs. Elizabeth M.	Pratt, Jane
Gilbert, Fannie	Smith, Edward G.
Harding or Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Eugenia
Hartley, Mary	Smith, Mary Ida
Howard, George	Salomon, Henry
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Weston, Celeste
Hutchinson, George	Williams, Mary Ann
Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina	Wilson, Jane
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite	

We omit the names of several begging-letter writers who seem to have been less active of late.



# CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society. Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.  
Army Aid Association. Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."  
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval. N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.  
Blydenberg, Mrs. N. Y. Employment Ass'n.  
Children's Institute. N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.  
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott. N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.  
Christ's Home for Fallen Women. N. Y. Legal Aid Society.  
Christian Workers Help. Hand. N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.  
Currier's Benev. and Prot. Ass. N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.  
Delasair, Mrs. Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)  
D'Esterhazy, Count. Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.  
Free Art Association. Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.  
Freight Employers' Benev. Ass. Police Relief Fund.  
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R. Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.  
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster. Reading Room for Workmen of the various R. R. Cos.  
Hayes, Mrs. Julia J. Reform Charity Union.  
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.  
Mrs. A. Ford, Manager. Society of Holy Innocents.  
Hibernian Union Club. St. George's Association (and Dispensary).  
Howard, Mrs. St. Stephen's Guild.  
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n. St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.  
Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass. Tenement Household Aid Ass.  
Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass. Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.  
Ind. Workmen's Ben. Ass. United Ass'n. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.  
Institute (various objects). United Waiters' Ben. Ass'n.  
Sisters Harget & Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place. West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.  
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n. Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.  
Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society. Woman's Infirmary.  
J. White Kelley.  
Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.  
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.  
Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.  
Little Children's Relief Society.  
Lounsbury, Miss E. S.  
Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.  
Maternity Home.  
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.  
Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**—Several unauthorized parties are soliciting funds for real or pretended societies of workingmen. Several societies that have been investigated have no existence; others are mutual benefit societies, supported by dues of members, and authorize no soliciting. Be cautious of this class of canvassers. They are specially alert at this season.

Members are earnestly advised to consult the Society's Records before responding to any begging letters, personal applications, or newspaper appeals. The amount of information now collected is so large that it is not safe to deal with strangers without consulting it. Caution is especially advised, in addition to previous names, concerning:

Anderson, Mary, alias Woods  
Brendel, Frederick  
Brown, James  
Brown, see Rowan  
Burden, Frances  
Dalziel, John  
Dirix, Julia  
Dugan, John  
Farrell, Wm.  
Fitzsimmons, Philip  
Frey, Henry  
Fox, Margaret  
Gannon, Ellen  
Gilberry, E.  
Grady, see Rowan  
Halsey, G. A., alias Stevens  
Hamilton, James  
Hartley, Mary or Miriam  
Henry, Josephine  
Hereford, H. Edward  
Hill, Alice  
Jackson, see Parsons  
Japy, Bertha  
Johnson, see Rowan  
Johnson, Annie E.  
Johnson, Hamilton  
Laurence, W. Livingston, alias Williams  
McClelland, see Rowan  
McGuire, alias Rockaway, Susan  
Meredith, Jr., James E., from Chicago  
Miller, Geo., or Wm. H.  
O'Reilly, Patrick  
Parsons, James, alias Richardson, Price, Jackson, Taylor, and Wilson  
Percival, James  
Powell, or Powers, Alice  
Price, see Parsons  
Richardson, see Parsons  
Reynolds, John and Mgt.  
Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth, alias Brown, Grady, Johnson, and McClelland  
Stevens, see Halsey  
Striker, Edward  
Taylor, see Parsons  
Vaughan, Prof. or Rev. George  
Vetter, Annie  
Wilson, see Parsons  
Woods, see Anderson  
Woods, Susan  
Woolsey, Ellen

N. B.—Reference should also be made to previous numbers of the BULLETIN, as we have not space to repeat names frequently. The June number contained a recapitulation of many of the names upon our cautionary list.

**CAUTION.**—An Episcopal clergyman says: "Look out for H. Edward Hereford, who has letters purporting to be from Episcopal ministers at the South. He asks money to buy a truss, and a position to teach drawing. He has on a paper names of prominent persons who he says have helped him. Mine is down for \$3, which is a lie." He may take other names.

## Collections In November, 1886.

Abeel, John H.	\$10 00	King, Edward	\$10 00
Aitken, John W.	10 00	Kingsland, A. C.	10 00
Alexandre, J. H.	10 00	Kingsland, Mrs. A. C.	10 00
Amend, B. G.	10 00	Kneeland, Mrs. L. T.	10 00
Anthon, Edward	10 00	Kneeland, Miss Adele	25 00
Atwill, Mrs. W.	10 00	Lapham, Henry G.	50 00
Auchincloss Bros.	100 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.	20 00
Barker, Stephen	10 00	Ladies' Aid Soc. of 84th St. Church	5 00
B—, H. L.	25 00	Ladenburg, Mrs. Adolph	10 00
Belcher, Mrs. Eliz. H.	5 00	Lefferts, M. C.	10 00
Berwind, Mrs. E. J.	5 00	Leith, Mrs. Alex. J.	10 00
Biglow, L. H.	10 00	Leggett, F. H. & Co.	100 00
Bliss, Geo. T.	25 00	Lewis, Mrs. Geo., Jr.	10 00
Bliss, Geo.	100 00	Matthews, Albert	10 00
Black, A. G.	10 00	Martin, Mrs. J. M.	10 00
Bostwick, J. A.	500 00	Marquand, Miss Mabel G.	25 00
Bryce, Mrs. Wm.	15 00	Merrill, Payson	25 00
Callender, Miss May	10 00	Meeker, Mrs. C. H.	10 00
Carnes, Miss Harriet	10 00	Morgan, Mrs. Geo.	5 00
Cash, through the Sun.	3 00	Morris, Jas.	5 00
Cash.	5 00	McKim, J. H.	50 00
Clark, Geo. A. & Bro.	250 00	Nelson, Miss H. D.	10 00
Clausen & Son, H.	10 00	Nicol, Mrs. M. E.	10 00
Collins, Miss Ellen	20 00	Niles, Mrs. M. R.	5 00
Comstock, Miss M. L.	5 00	O'Keefe, Rev. Geo. C.	10 00
Coates, Jos. H.	5 00	Olyphant, R. M.	20 00
Constant, Mrs. S. S.	10 00	Paton, John	10 00
deForest, Robert W.	100 00	Phelps, Mrs. G. D.	5 00
deForest, Henry G.	20 00	Popham, Mrs. S. H.	5 00
Deas, Mrs. Z. C.	15 00	Pupke, Mrs. John F.	10 00
Delamater, Mrs. C. H.	10 00	Rhineland, The Misses	10 00
Dillon, Sidney	10 00	Rockefeller, John D.	100 00
Dodge, Wm. E., Jr.	100 00	Robertson, Mrs. G. A.	20 00
Dodworth, Allen	25 00	Schiff, Jacob H.	100 00
Donohue, Mrs. J.	10 00	Seligman, Edwin R. A.	50 00
Eads, Jas. B.	10 00	Slayback, J. D.	10 00
Edgar, Mrs. D. M.	25 00	Smith, Rev. A. Mackay	25 00
Ehrlich, J. S.	10 00	Smith, Mrs. Henry W.	10 09
Einstein, David L.	10 00	Soc. for Emp. and Relief of Poor Women	10 03
Einstein, Emanuel	5 00	Speyer & Co.	100 00
Faber, G. W.	10 00	Sterry, Geo. E.	10 00
Faber, Mrs. G. W.	10 00	Sturges, Mrs. Jonathan	25 00
Fish, Hamilton, Jr.	10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lisenpard	25 00
Fish, Nicholas	10 00	Taylor, Mrs. Aug. C.	10 00
Ford, John R.	50 00	Thomas, Samuel	10 00
Fry, Mrs. Chas. M.	10 00	Tibbals, Lewis P.	5 00
French, Mrs. S. B.	10 00	Tod, J. Kennedy & Co.	25 00
Fry, Gen'l Jas. B.	10 00	Uhl, Edward	100 00
French Ben. Soc. of Ladies of St. V. de Paul	10 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius	100 00
Goodwin, Jas. J.	25 00	Van Rensselaer, Miss C.	10 00
Goelet, Mrs. Sarah	10 00	G.	10 00
Gould, Chas. W.	10 00	Van Winkle, Miss M. D.	10 00
Griswold, Mrs. Geo	50 00	Van Rensselaer, Miss E.	10 00
G—, Mrs. J. C.	50 00	C.	10 00
Gurnee, Mrs. W. S.	50 00	Ward, Mrs. Elijah	50 00
Haydock, Geo. G.	5 00	W. H. F.	100 00
Hamlin, Walter A.	10 00	Whitney, Mrs. Wm.	5 00
Haven's Relief Fund Soc.	100 00	Whitehouse, Wm. F.	25 00
Hunt, Mrs. Richard M.	5 00	Wilkes, Misses Grace and H. K.	10 00
Ireland, John B.	10 00	Williams, F. W.	5 00
Iselin, Adrian	100 00	Willets, John T.	10 00
Iselin, Neeser & Co.	25 00	Willets, Robt. R.	100 00
Jay, John	10 00	Wicke, Wm.	10 00
Jay, Wm.	10 00	Woerishoffer, Mrs. C. F.	25 00
Jones, W. S.	10 00	Woodward, Baldwin & Co.	25 00
Jones, M. G. R.	10 00	Work, J. H.	25 00
Josephs, Lyman	5 00	Wolfe, Mrs. John	10 00
Kellogg, Chas.	5 00		
Kellogg, Dr. E. M.	10 00		
Keteltas, Mrs. Eugene	10 00		

Proportion thy charity to the strength of thy estate, lest God proportion thy estate to the weakness of thy charity; let the lips of the poor be the trumpet of thy gift, lest in seeking applause thou lose the reward. Nothing is more pleasing to God than an open hand and a closed mouth.—*Quarles*.

# THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

## THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of November this Committee has treated 44 cases, 29 being new; it has also directed 12 others. It has procured relief for 29, placed 2 in institutions, secured permanent work for 9, and occasional work for 9, 10 have thus been made self-supporting, and 12 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, 866.—A Cuban family, consisting of father, mother, and two children, came to this city in the hope of improving the health of the father by a sea voyage and change of climate. Their little savings were soon exhausted, as his health did not improve, and he was unable to work at his trade of cigarmaking. His three sisters, all of whom had families of their own and were in very moderate circumstances, took part in the maintenance of the little family until they came to the conclusion that his native air was best for him. A country-woman of the family took an eager interest in them, and, through co-operating societies, secured the means of their transportation to their native land. But the physician in attendance advised them to wait a short time, as it might hasten his death while in his present weak state. He gradually grew worse, and death soon relieved him of all his ailments. The Friendly Visitor, who had kept close communication with the family, called upon him in time to take a last farewell of the dying man, and receive a heartfelt blessing for her kindly care and attention. The youngest of the children had previously died. The wife and remaining child were sent back to Cuba to the woman's relatives.

## THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 37th and 53d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 40 applications during the month of November, of whom 6 were carefully directed to proper help, 3 gave false addresses, and 31 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 4, 2 were made self-supporting, 19 consultative cases were considered. 8 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We have plenty of women for day's work, good laundresses, work at home or by the day, seamstresses, and an intelligent young American woman as nursery governess or nurse for growing children. Also men for furnace work in private houses. Our number of Friendly Visitors might be greatly increased, and there would still be room for more workers. Our District is large, and the visits (if we would know our people) should be regular.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A delicate woman was sent to us by letter from a physician, and we were informed that she needed rest and hospital treatment. But the care of her two young children prevented her from giving up at once. Her husband was a journeyman baker, but was not in steady work, and seemed shiftless; while the woman, even in her weak condition, was assisting to pay the rent of room by scrubbing halls for landlord, who spoke highly of her, she having been a tenant three years.

We arranged that the children should be cared for by a neighbor, and the woman go into an hospital at once, which she did. We then applied for the admission of the little ones into an institution, where they are doing well. The woman has greatly improved, and we hope ere many weeks to have the family once more in their own rooms.

## THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Rev. M. VAN RENSSELAER, D.D., *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

37 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of November, of which 7 were new, 16 others were directed; 1 gave false address, relief was procured for 3, temporary work for 18, permanent work for 4, 11 were rendered self-supporting, 9 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 1 fraud was exposed, 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 43 consultation cases were considered.

Work wanted for laundresses by the day; also women to clean, scrub, etc. One or two men for furnace work or light jobs. One girl to mind baby. One woman with six months' old babe for work in family.

AN APPEAL.—We have under our care a number of widows and deserted wives with children to support by going out to day's work of any kind. These poor women beg us for work, of which they have not enough to supply the needs of their families. If this cannot be secured, they must either suffer severely during the winter, or else we will be obliged to refer them to relief societies for aid.

It is because we desire to avoid either of these contingencies—the first because inhuman, the last because the effect of such relief has a tendency to rob these women of their self-respect and independence, more or less, according to the character of the recipient—that we ask your co-operation. Besides, it is such an easy matter for the mother so situated to place her children in some institution, thus relieving herself from all responsibility and care, that when we find those willing and anxious to keep a home and their little ones, we feel all possible effort should be made to encourage and assist them to do so.

Will not our residents aid us in this matter by sending to us when needing such help, and induce their friends to do the same?

### THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 37th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during November, 21 cases, and directed 12 others. Of the 21, 7 were found worthy of temporary relief, 8 needing work rather than relief, and 4 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 6, permanent work for 5, and temporary work for 4.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—On the eve of a certain holiday, a man came into this office with a “dispossess warrant” in his hand, telling of his sore need. No money for rent, fuel, or food, and a wife and five children at home, all in a suffering condition. The case was at once investigated. Great destitution was evident. The weather was cold, the clothing of the family scanty, and the bedding past description in its miserable condition. A Visitor took charge of the case, and a benevolent friend furnished the means for the purchase of warm comfortables, etc. The mother was urged to send her children *regularly* to a “home school,” where clothes would be provided for them. Faithful and persevering efforts were put forth to benefit the family by counsel and judicious aid. The man was urged to stir himself and look for work, which he did obtain. Now it became evident where the great trouble lay. Both the father and mother were found to be addicted to drink. The children could not be taken away, for the parents were not unkind to them; just the reverse seemed to be the case. In spite of all the efforts that were made, no progress was effected towards raising the condition of the family; their course appeared to be downward. Last summer, while under the influence of liquor, the man hanged himself; but the mother still lives to work and be idle by turns. The case is discouraging. We mention it to illustrate that good methods are not always successful. “Facts are stubborn things,” and reform does not always follow our best efforts in that direction.

### THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During November, 54 cases have been treated, 10 being new, relief was procured for 16, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 5, 3 were made self-supporting, and advice has been given in 25 consultative cases.

We want work for seamstress, wash- and scrub-women, porters and waiters; also employment for a French teacher who has lost all her pupils, both in school and private, through illness, and is now very destitute; she has the best of references.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE (755).—In last June our attention was called to an old lady in great need. We found that, while she was a member in good standing of a church in a neighboring city, she was practically begging. Her pastor was interviewed. He thanked us for calling his attention to her, and promised to provide for her at once, as he had known her under very different circumstances. In October we found her still in the same condition. Word was at once sent to her pastor, who promised again to care for her. Last week we learned that she was placed in a comfortable home for old ladies, and is very happy.

### THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During November, this Committee treated 15 cases, and directed 9 others to the proper source of help; 2 were placed in institutions, regular work was procured for 1, and temporary work for 4.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

Light indoor work is wanted for a middle-aged man; also work for a carpenter who does not belong to a union. We have also several honest respectable women for day's work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, 318.—Two months since, application was made by an educated, refined widow, desirous of entering a home for the aged. All other conditions fulfilled, a fee of \$250 would be required, and she had but \$150, from which must be deducted living expenses for the two months to elapse before admission could be granted. Arrangements were made for a home with friends for the intervening months, and as she had neither relatives nor church connection, her case was laid before a benevolent society. This society promised the last \$20 of sum required, and two ladies in the District interested themselves in securing the balance of the money from private individuals. The old lady is now happily situated in a “Home,” where she can pass the remainder of her days surrounded by all the comforts dear to old age.

**THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of November, 31 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 14 were new, 7 were placed in hospitals or institutions, relief was procured for 5, work secured for 12, and 9 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 6 families and 8 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 33 consultation cases.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 869.—A young couple with three children, one of five years, another of three years, and the third an infant of ten months of age. The man, a bookkeeper, had been out of work for a long time; everything available for the purpose had been pawned, and the resources of relatives and friends entirely exhausted before an appeal to the Committee was made, by a friendly stranger who accidentally learned of the family's need. Inquiry of the man's previous employer, for whom he had worked over seven years, showed that he had always been thoroughly honest and also very reliable, except for occasional intervals of intemperance, which incapacitated him for work for a day or so, and on account of which he was dismissed and his place filled with another. Since his discharge he had left drink entirely alone, and his conduct showed complete reformation. He was anxious for employment of any kind, and went cheerfully to work at the wood-yard of the Labor Bureau Association, the superintendent of which reported him as a satisfactory worker. Food was procured for the family, and, to prevent dispossession, a month's rent was paid through the medium of a kind lady, to whom the Committee are much indebted for frequent acts of kindness. Finally, we have procured regular work for the man to last throughout the winter, and the prospects of rendering the family entirely self-supporting are excellent.

**THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

CADWALADER E. OGDEN, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

66 cases have been cared for during the month of November, 15 of which were new, and 74 others have been directed. 15 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 38, permanent work was secured for 26, occasional work for 35, 26 were thus rendered self-supporting, 4 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 2 were emigrated for their own benefit, 1 fraud was exposed, and 45 consultation cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,032.—This case was brought to the attention of the Agent by Officer Ciardi, who found the woman begging in the street. The facts, as stated by her and afterwards verified, were as follows:

The family consisted of the woman in question, her husband, and two young children. The man and woman were both educated; he was competent to act as a bookkeeper, salesman, or auctioneer, she as a teacher or copyist. For six months they had lived in the country. Their means were now exhausted, they had pledged their clothing, and were without employment, food, or shelter, having three times been forced to spend the night in hall-ways or areas. Shelter was at once provided for the mother and children, and food to support the whole family was furnished by a lady in the District. Temporary work was obtained for the man, which he willingly performed. Soon a room and the necessary furniture were found for the family. From this time they were entirely self-supporting. At first they earned but five dollars and a quarter a week. Subsequently, however, employment was obtained for the man with a manufacturing stationer at six dollars a week. In this he was so successful that in a year his wages were raised to ten dollars. In this way, and by the aid of the wife's industry, they have now a comfortable home with three rooms, and have also laid up a little money for a rainy day.

**THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 37 cases taken up during the month of November, 7 being new; also 6 families and 9 homeless persons directed; 1 gave false address, relief was procured for 3, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 18, 11 were made self-supporting, 1 fraud was suppressed, and advice has been given in 43 consultative cases.

Day's work is wanted for eight good, reliable women, at their own homes or outside; also two seamstresses and one educated German woman, who desires a situation in a family; can sew very nicely and is accustomed to the care of children.

We have also four very good men to tend furnaces or do anything that offers, and one bright, honest boy of 13, for whom we are anxious to get a good place.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES No. 674 and 1,404.—Both these cases were sent by a dispensary for investigation. The first proved to be that of a family living in affluence—owning, besides the house they live in, considerable property in this city and in Brooklyn. Yet they had applied for free treatment, and had it not been for our investigation, they would probably have continued to receive it without the discovery of their full ability to pay for treatment.

The second case was sent by another dispensary. They also were found in very comfortable circumstances, occupying an entire house—the husband on the police force and two grown children in business for themselves.

These are typical cases, and have been selected from among many similar ones. But we think these two are sufficient to prove conclusively the importance of investigating cases applying at our dispensaries for free medical treatment.

### THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, Mrs. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of November, 255 cases were directed to the proper help, 180 of which were new. Relief was procured for 19, 5 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 19, and 59 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 130 consultative cases were also considered.

**ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.**—Mary, a young Irish girl, less than two years here, was brought to our notice by the lady in whose family she was employed. Mary was too sick to work; her relatives in the city were unwilling to give her a home, as they "had to work and she was lazy." Two physicians testified that she had serious pulmonary trouble.

Her parents have a comfortable home in Ireland, where Mary decided to go. A personal interview was had with her relatives here, who, after earnest persuasion, made a collection of a portion of money needed to pay her homeward passage. A friendly former employer gave her a temporary home. A physician gave medical attention free; a Relief Society contributed medicine, etc. Her last employer supplied her with needed warm clothing, and made up the deficiency in passage money. Her parents' consent was obtained, and Mary, with the Relief Society's last gift—a basketful of delicacies, milk, crackers, medicine, and other tempting food—was safely placed by us in charge of the steamer's steward, so ill that he kindly prepared a second-cabin berth for her, rather than the steerage that her ticket entitled her to. And so she was sent to her parents' home.

This summary gives no adequate idea of the work done to accomplish the needed result, but it may show what can be accomplished by our co-operation with so many charitable resources.

### FORCED BECCING LETTER.

The following forged letter, purporting to have been written by the Rev. Thos. Gallaudet, D.D., has been doing service the past few weeks, but the begging forger could not be captured as yet. Benevolent people will do well to be on their guard against similar letters with the names subscribed of persons with whose handwriting they are unfamiliar.

RECTORY OF ST. ANN'S P. E. CHURCH, 9 WEST 18TH ST.  
NEW YORK, Nov. 29th, 1886.

I have known the bearer, Frederic Brendel, for the past eighteen years. He is an honest and industrious man. For the past six years he has been in the South-western country, where he lost his wife and two children. Having returned to the North in very needy circumstances, he is now seeking employment. He is very much in need of clothing, in order to make a presentable appearance in his application for work.

During my absence the Rev. Messrs. Chamberlain and Krans have assisted him, but were unable to fill his special need in regard to clothing. I specially recommend this man to the charitable. Very sincerely,  
THOMAS GALLAUDET.

### ANOTHER FORCED LETTER.

A German boy of 16 to 18 years old, usually giving the name of Henry Frey, is calling upon benevolent persons and presenting forged letters similar to that below, which is here reproduced *verbatim*. Any one handing him to the police will undoubtedly do the boy the best possible service, by putting him in the way of receiving reformatory treatment. Frey is of medium size, hair curls slightly, eyelids somewhat inflamed, lips prominent in speaking, and has a faint lisp.

*To Whom it May Concern:*

This boy Henry Frey is deserving assistance in the way of work. I will be glad to communicate any information to any one who may wish to help him. He has no friends in this country and he is apparently willing to work at anything to earn a living. He can read and write a little English and speak a little to. If you have no work for him please take pity on him and help him in some way, as he has no friends in this country to help him, but he is hear all alone by himself and willing to do anything to earn a living, as the winter is coming on and he has no place to go.

(Signed) POWELL WILCOX,  
Attorney and Counselor-at-Law,  
New York City.

No. 208 Broadway.

### THE NEW YORK LABOR BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

The Association wants situations and work for book-keepers, clerks, porters, and day-laborers of all kinds. Only men who have worked faithfully at the wood-yard, and have been well tested, will be recommended by the Association. Apply to Otto T. Bannard, chairman wood-yard committee, 35 Wall street, or to Irving P. Alcott, superintendent, S. W. corner Avenue B. and 19th street.

Please send orders for **KINDLING WOOD**, which is sawed and split by these unemployed men.

**A Brutal Assault.**—Mr. Ciardi, the faithful and efficient special out-door officer of the Society, was, upon December 1st, assaulted in open court by Thomas Reed, a cripple, one of the most vicious of the professional beggars of the city. Mr. Ciardi had just secured Reed's commitment, when the latter struck him on the head with the heavy hickory walking-stick he carried. Happily, being behind Mr. Ciardi and upon a lower level, Reed's blow fell upon the side rather than upon the top of Mr. Ciardi's head. Yet the injury was so severe as to lay him up for nearly two weeks. Reed will be prosecuted.

## IF NO RELIEF, WHAT THEN?

The question is often asked: "If the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY doesn't give any alms, what does it do?"

Miss Clara Barton, the well-known president of the NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY (for dealing with great national calamities, as war, pestilence, riots, fire, or shipwreck in any part of the United States), referred to the inquiry at the recent annual meeting of the Washington C. O. S., and the following extract gives a portion of an answer by one whose judgment and experience give great weight to her conclusions:

"A system or charity organizations for the every-day work of life has come into existence which, properly persisted in, cannot fail of accomplishing its great purpose. If steadily persisted in and firmly held, the entire system of pauperism, beggary, and vagrancy and, in a large degree, the petty vices attending them, must inevitably sink away under the pressure of its wise and parental rule.

"As a bureau of information, it puts into communication the persons needing work to do and the persons needing work to be done. As a protection against imposition, it promptly warns society of the presence, character, and attempts of the impostor or double dealer. It points the way and opens it for the really helpless and despondent to find a home in the public institution to which he or she properly belongs, and a most hopeful and encouraging feature is that one sees it, as here, working with the officers of the city administration and in hearty co-operation with them. There lies largely its great power and final success.

"Yet in spite of all this your path will not be one of flowers. The old, eternally old, custom of promiscuous individual almsgiving has demoralized, not only the recipients, but the givers of so-called charity. Both parties are spoiled children, both are blind, and both will blame you. In spite of all endeavors, it will be difficult to make a considerable portion of the community understand how mere employment can be charity. 'Why he earned it himself,' they will argue, as if that destroys its value. And again, if the Society gives nothing but this, it cannot have much value, for it doesn't cost anything. It does not, indeed! Time, thought, brain, nerve, aching heads, weary hands, blistered feet, discouragement, sore, sad hearts—it hasn't cost them anything! (referring to the active workers in the Society). It will be cruelly long ere you bring the almsgivers to weigh such cost as this in the scale with their dollar.

"Then of the poor themselves, only the intelligent and honest but will curse you. I have in mind a case of this kind. Not long since a woman came to me whom I chanced to know about. To commence with, she had no possible need of assistance from any quarter, but she said she 'had been everywhere,' and I knew she ought to be good, for there wasn't a church in the city she had not some time represented herself as belonging to. No one supplied her as she desired, and she came to see what the Red Cross would do; she heard they were 'charity folks.' 'Had she been to the Associated Charities?' 'Yes; they had given her a little, but not enough.' 'Did she know of the Charity Organization Society?' 'Oh, yes, she knew about that; they didn't do nothing for the poor; she never heard of their giving anything but work to anybody; she didn't see what they was for; they didn't do no good to nobody; she guessed they kept all the money they got for themselves. Could the Red Cross do anything for her?' I don't know if my reply was any satisfaction to her, although I tried to adapt it to her case by informing her that it would not be in the customary line of Red Cross work to supply her. Still I realized that possibly such as she came as

near being *national calamities* as we generally had to deal with, but, as that was not an ordinary view of the case, it would be necessary to consult my committee before acting.

"I am aware that a tender-hearted person might feel this to be hard treatment toward a poor woman who only came to beg; still, if one reflects, it was better than her treatment to all of us."

## MORE MEMBERS NEEDED.

On Monday, December 13th, a meeting of the Council and the District Committees was held at the house of President Weeks. Various measures were discussed. It was the unanimous resolution of the meeting that the work of the Society should be enlarged and rendered more efficient. To do so will require a considerable addition to the membership to pay for the new district which should be opened and for the increase of the working force of the Society. The general feeling of the meeting was very hopeful, and the present condition is prosperous, but the necessity for personal effort on the part of the members to secure larger subscriptions from those already members and to add new members was insisted upon. It is hoped that *all* our members will take this matter in hand. The Council and District Committees are not the only ones interested in the progress of the Society. How the work can be done is indicated in the circular already sent to all our subscribers, while the printed list will enable them to find out who among their friends are and who are not already members.

## PRACTICAL TEMPERANCE WORK.

## COFFEE-HOUSES FOR THE CITY.

A number of gentlemen interested in the establishment in New York of coffee-houses, upon the model of those which have proved so successful in London and other large cities, met last night in the hall of the Union League Club. Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby presided. He said that the idea of the coffee-house was to make it a place with all the attractiveness and all the freedom of the saloon—a place warm, cheerful, brilliantly lighted, with books and papers and wholesome eatables. It was decided to incorporate a company to establish coffee-houses, amount of capital necessary being estimated at \$150,000, the shares to be \$25 each. The first coffee-house will be in the Bowery, south of Houston street. A committee of twenty-seven was appointed to effect the incorporation of the "Coffee-House Company, Limited."—*World*, Dec. 1st.

We hail the above-named effort with satisfaction and hope. We believe that there is no more effectual means of weakening the power of the liquor saloons than to give the young men who frequent them the option of going to an equally attractive and inviting place, free from temptations to intoxication. Many men are driven to the gin-shops because there is no alternative resort.

We are glad to note that the BIBLE AND FRUIT MISSION have taken the first step in this needed reform, by opening their coffee-house, 416 and 418 East 26th street, every evening as a "Reading-room and Social Sitting-room," where men and women, old and young, are welcome, where the leading daily, weekly, and illustrated papers are placed on tables for the free use of all, and where hot coffee, cakes, etc., will be sold at low prices when called for.